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Description

[0001] This invention relates to digital communication such as satellite broadcasting and, more particularly, to increasing the information acquiring process speed for long term programs.

[0002] FIG. 22 schematically illustrates a state of sending satellite broadcasting radio waves as a simplified conceptual chart. Radio waves from a ground station 2 are sent through a broadcasting satellite 4 to the ground. From the broadcasting satellite 4 are sent out a plural number of transport streams (transmission routes determined by frequency, plane of polarization, etc.) TS1, TS2, and TS3. Furthermore, a plural number of services SV11, SV12, SV13, and SV14 (corresponding to channels in the ground wave broadcasting) are multiplexed by time division in packets in the transport stream TS1. Similarly, services SV21, SV22, SV23, and SV24 are multiplexed in the transport stream TS2, and services SV31, SV32, SV33, and SV34 are multiplexed in the transport stream TS3. To the transport streams are also sent out program information and control data associated with the packeting or the like in addition to video data and audio data for respective services.

While FIG. 22 shows only three transport streams, much more transport streams are actually sent out. Furthermore, while FIG. 22 shows four services multiplexed for each transport stream, in actuality much more services are multiplexed.

[0003] FIG. 23 shows video data, audio data, control data, and program information multiplexed in the transport streams TS1, TS2, and TS3. In the transport stream TS1 are multiplexed: audio data ES(A)11 and video data ES(V)11 of the service SV11; audio data ES(A)12 and video data ES(V)12 of the service SV12; ... , and audio data ES (A) 14 and video data ES(V)14 of the service SV14. For each of the services SV11, SV12, SV13, and SV14 are also multiplexed currently broadcast program information P_EIT11, P_EIT12, P_EIT13, and P_EIT14, and information F_EIT11, F_EIT12, F_EIT13, and F_EIT14 of programs to be broadcast next. Furthermore, an SDT1 describing the details of the service multiplexed in the transport stream TS1, an SDT2 describing the details of the service multiplexed in the transport stream TS2, and an SDT3 describing the details of the service multiplexed in the transport stream TS3 are also multiplexed and transmitted.

[0004] Incidentally, audio data, video data, and program data are multiplexed also in other transport streams TS2 and TS3. However, for the long-term program information S_EIT11, S_EIT12, ... , S_EIT14, S_EIT21, S_EIT22, ... , S_EIT24, S_EIT31, S_EIT32, ... , S_EIT34, and S_EIT41, S_EIT42, ... , S_EIT44, the information is multiplexed only in the transport stream TS2 because the amount of information is large.

[0005] In some services, the long term program information is not provided for reasons such as that always the same contents are broadcast. Therefore, in the con-

trol data SDT1, SDT2, and SDT3 of the transport stream TS2, there is described the information on whether the long term program information S_EIT is present or not for the services SV11 to SV14, SV21 to SV24, and SV31 to SV34. However, the presence information is described only in the control data SDT1, SDT2, and SDT3 of the transport stream TS2 in which the long-term program information S_EIT is multiplexed. In the control data SDT1, SDT2, and SDT3 of other transport streams TS1 and TS3, areas for describing the presence information are provided, but their contents are all described as "nil" and no substantial presence information is described.

[0006] Each piece of the above-described information is transmitted in packets as shown with 60a in FIG. 24. That is to say, video data and audio data of each service are multiplexed in packets and transmitted. After the transmission with 60a, transmission with 60b follows. Incidentally, a packet ID is attached to ES in packet of each service. The packet ID of ES of each service is arranged to be recognized with control data PAT and PMT. With such an arrangement, the ES for each service may be acquired selectively. While FIG. 24 is shown for the transport stream TS1, the same applies to other transport streams TS2 and TS3.

[0007] Furthermore, control data NIT is multiplexed in each of the transport streams TS1, TS2, and TS3. In the control data NIT are described transmission specifications (frequencies, etc.) of the transport streams TS1, TS2, and TS3, and service names (service IDs) included in those transport streams. This makes it possible to learn what kinds of services are included in each of the transport streams. In the control data NIT is also described the information showing in which transport stream the long term program information is written.

[0008] FIG. 25 roughly shows a satellite broadcasting receiver. A transport stream is selected with a tuner 8, and a desired service is separated with a decoder 10. From the decoder 10 are output selected audio data and video data. A microprocessor (MPU) 12 sets a packet ID of the ES of a desired service to the decoder 10. This causes the decoder 10 to output the ES of the service. When the packet ID of the control data is set to the decoder 10, separated control data is given to the MPU 12.

[0009] Assuming that the service SV33 of the transport stream TS3 is currently being received, operation of a case will be described below in which a command is given to the MPU 12 to switch to the service SV12 of the transport stream TS1. First, the MPU 12 takes in control data NIT (See FIG. 23) by controlling the decoder 10 (namely by setting the packet ID of the control data NIT). It is learned from the description of the control data that the service SV12 to be received is multiplexed in the transport stream TS1. Next, the transport stream TS1 is received by controlling the tuner 8. Further, the decoder 10 is controlled to acquire the control data PAT1 and PMT12, and to acquire packet IDs of the video data ES (A) 12 and audio data ES(V)12. Next, this packet ID is set to the decoder 10 so that the video data ES(A) 12 and audio

data ES(V)12 of the intended service SV12 are output from the decoder 10. Switching to the service to be received is carried out as described above.

[0010] Incidentally, a future broadcasting schedule of any of the services may be learned by acquiring the long term program information S_EIT of the service in question. The long term program information S_EIT includes genre information on each event (so-called program) broadcast in each service. Therefore, once the long term program information S_EIT is acquired, it is possible to search and display broadcasting schedules in specific genres.

[0011] Assuming that the service SV12 is currently being received, the process of acquiring the long term program information S_EIT will be described below. First, the MPU 12 controls the decoder 10 to separate and acquire the control data NIT. From the description of the control data NIT, a transport stream is known where the long term program information S_EIT is multiplexed, and the tuner 8 is controlled to receive the transport stream TS2. Further, the decoder 10 is controlled to separate and acquire the control data SDT1, SDT2, and SDT3, and to acquire the presence information for the long term broadcasting program in each service.

[0012] According to the presence information, the MPU 12 controls the decoder 10 for only the service in which the long term program information is present, and acquires the long term program information.

[0013] As described above, the long term program information may be acquired for each service. The acquired long term program information may be displayed as it is, or searched according to the genre information to display program information only in a specific genre.

[0014] However, with the conventional art described above, the following processes are required to acquire the long term program information: (1) to switch to receive the transport stream in which the presence information for the long term program information is multiplexed, (2) to acquire the presence information in the switched transport stream, and (3) to acquire the long term program information in the required service according to the presence information. Therefore, there is a problem that a long time is taken before the long term program information appears on the display screen when the receiver is operated by a receiving person intending to display the information.

[0015] A concern of the invention is to provide a digital communication capable of solving the above-described problem and quickly acquiring the long term program information.

[0016] Aspects of the invention are set out in the appended claims.

[0017] According to an embodiment, on a sending side,

at least one transport stream is assumed as a specified transport stream, long term program information for each service is multiplexed in the specified transport stream, and, for each service, presence information on whether

the long term program information is multiplexed in the specified transport stream is multiplexed in all the transport streams including at least one service, and on a receiving side,

the presence information for each service multiplexed in the transport stream currently being received is acquired and retained beforehand, and if it is necessary to learn the presence or absence of the long term program information for the service, whether the long term program information for the service is present is determined from the retained presence information.

[0018] Since the presence information for the long term program information is multiplexed also in the transport streams other than the specified transport stream, the presence information may be acquired even when a transport stream other than the specified transport stream is being received. In particular, if the multiplexing is made in all the transport streams, the presence information may be acquired and retained beforehand irrespective of whichever transport stream being currently received. Therefore, in the case the long term program information is required, the information may be quickly acquired by switching the transport stream and then immediately acquiring the information according to the retained presence information.

[0019] Furthermore, by multiplexing the presence information also in all the transport streams that do not include services, the presence information may be acquired even when such transport streams are being received.

[0020] The presence information is described on a service description table (SOT). In any transport stream, the service description table has an area for describing all the services of all the transport streams (description loops for respective transport streams). Therefore, the presence information for each service may be easily described.

[0021] The presence information is described on a network information table (NIT). In any transport stream, the network information table has an area for describing all the services of all the transport streams. Therefore, the presence information for each service may be easily described.

[0022] The receiver is adapted to acquire and retain the presence information for all the services at specified time intervals during the receiving operation. Therefore, the presence information is renewed to the latest at the specified time intervals.

[0023] The receiver is adapted to acquire and retain the presence information for all the services when the power supply is off. Since the receiving person does not make the receiving operation while the power supply is off, acquisition of the presence information can take time.

[0024] The acquired long term program information is searched on the receiving side. Therefore, the long term program information in restricted genres may be quickly displayed.

[0025] "Long term program information multiplexing

means" refers to the means for multiplexing long term program information in the transport streams. In the embodiment, it refers to the generating part SG2 and the multiplexing part MX2 in FIG. 1.

[0026] The "long term program information" refers to the information including at least the information on the program to be broadcast after the program to be broadcast next to the current program. In the embodiment, the program in question refers to S_EIT in FIG. 20. Here, the "program" refers to the index information of the contents sent by broadcasting. The concept of program referred to here also includes predetermined broadcasting plan for broadcasting computer programs and data.

[0027] The "presence information" multiplexing means refers to the means for multiplexing the presence information in the transport stream. In the embodiment, it refers to the SI generating part SG1, and the SG3 multiplexing parts MX1 and MX3 in FIG. 1.

[0028] The "presence information" is the information that indicates whether the long term program information for the service is multiplexed in the specified transport stream. In the embodiment, it refers to the descriptors () in FIGS. 14, 15, and 16. It also refers to the EIT Schedule Flag in FIG. 15.

[0029] The "specified transport stream" refers to the transport stream in which the long term program information is multiplexed. In the embodiment, it refers to the transport stream TS2. While there is only one specified transport stream in the embodiment, there may be a plural number of specified transport streams.

[0030] The "presence information retaining means" refers to the means for acquiring and retaining the presence information. In the embodiment, it refers to the CPU 847 in FIG. 8 (especially steps S34, S35, and S36) and the service information management memory 842.

[0031] The "long term program information acquisition means" refers to the means that determines the presence or absence of the long term program information, and acquires the long term program information for only the services where the long term program information is present. In the embodiment, it refers to the CPU 847 in FIG. 8 (in particular the steps S47 and S48).

[0032] The "receiver" refers to the device that is capable of selectively receiving required transport stream and service from a plural number of transport streams. This concept includes the receivers or the like including the so-called set-top box and the CRT.

[0033] The "recording medium with recorded programs" refers to the recording medium such as the ROM, RAM, hard disk, flexible disk, CD-ROM or the like on which programs that can be executed with a CPU are recorded. Here, the program also includes not only those which can be executed directly with a CPU but also those which must be once installed, is compressed or coded.

[0034] Embodiments of the present invention will now be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a transmitter according to an embodiment of this invention;

FIG. 2 is a block diagram of a receiver according to an embodiment of this invention;

FIG. 3 is a block diagram showing the details of the transmitter;

FIG. 4 shows video and audio data, and control data multiplexed in each transport stream;

FIG. 5 shows the data structure of the control data NIT;

FIG. 6 shows the data structure of the control data SDT;

FIG. 7 is a flow chart showing the process of generating the control data SDT;

FIG. 8 shows a hardware structure of the receiver;

FIG. 9 shows a buffer provided for the memory 844;

FIG. 10 shows a flow chart of basic process of reception;

FIG. 11 shows a flow chart of the presence information recording process;

FIG. 12 shows a service information control table;

FIG. 13 shows a service information control table;

FIG. 14 shows the described contents of SDT multiplexed in the transport stream TS1;

FIG. 15 shows the described contents of SDT multiplexed in the transport stream TS2;

FIG. 16 shows the described contents of SDT multiplexed in the transport stream TS3;

FIG. 17 shows a flow chart of a genre search process.

FIG. 18 shows a genre search screen;

FIG. 19 shows a search result;

FIG. 20 shows the data structure of a long term program information S_EIT;

FIG. 21 shows a program information table;

FIG. 22 is a simplified conceptual chart of satellite broadcasting;

FIG. 23 shows the data multiplexed in each transport stream;

FIG. 24 shows the concept of arranging data in packets; and

FIG. 25 roughly shows the constitution of the receiver;

1. Constitution of the Whole System:

(1) Transmitter

[0035] FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a transmitter for use in a digital broadcasting system according to an embodiment of this invention. In the figure, video/audio data SVD11 are the contents of a service SV11. Similarly, video/audio data SVD12, SVD13, SVD14, SVD21, SVD22, SVD23, SVD24, SVD31, SVD32, SVD33, and SVD34 are respectively contents of services SV12, SV13, SV14, SV21, SV22, SV23, SV24, SV31, SV32, SV33, and SV34. Incidentally, depending on the service, there may be cases in which either only the audio data

or only the video data are the contents of the service.

[0036] The video/audio data SVD11 are compression-processed in an encoder part E11 by means of an MPEG or the like. Similarly, the video/audio data SVD12, SVD13, and SVD14 are compression-processed in encoder parts E12, E13, and E14. These compressed data are arranged in packets and multiplexed in a multiplexing part MX1 and made as a transport stream TS1. The transport stream TS1 is modulated in a modulating part MD1 and transmitted. In the case of the satellite broadcasting, it is transmitted through an artificial satellite.

[0037] Also the video/audio data SVD21, SVD22, SVD23, and SVD24 are similarly compressed in an encoder part E2, multiplexed in a multiplexing part MX2, modulated in a modulating part MD2, and transmitted as a transport stream TS2. Also the video/audio data SVD31, SVD32, SVD33, and SVD34 are similarly transmitted as a transport stream TS3.

[0038] An SI generating part SG1 receives information on the network (such as the frequency and plane of polarization of each transport stream, and service name information multiplexed in the transport stream), information on the service multiplexed in each transport stream (such as the presence information for the long term program information, and service name), and the program information (such as the program names to be broadcast in each service), and according to such information, generates control data. The multiplexing part MX1, when it multiplexes the video/audio data, also multiplexes the control data generated in the SI generating part SG1. Similarly, the multiplexing parts MX2 and MX3 multiplex also the control data generated in the SI generating parts SG2 and SG3, respectively.

[0039] The SI generating part SG2 generates long term program information S_EIT (Scheduled Event Information Table) according to the program information provided. However, for the services that do not require the long term program information, such information is not generated.

[0040] Incidentally, the long term program information S_EIT (Scheduled Event Information Table) is generated only in the SI generating part SG2, and not in the SI generating parts SG1 and SG3. Therefore, the long term program information S_EIT (Scheduled Event Information Table) on each service is multiplexed only in the transport stream TS2. That is to say, in this embodiment, the transport stream TS2 is the specified transport stream.

[0041] The SI generating part SG2, when it generates the long term program information S_EIT, generates a presence information on whether the long term program information S_EIT is present for each service. The presence information too is multiplexed as part of the control data in the multiplexing part MX2.

[0042] The presence information generated in the SI generating part SG2 is given to the SI generating parts SG1 and SG3. The SI generating parts SG1 and SG3 multiplexes the presence information as part of the con-

trol data in the multiplexing parts MX1 and MX3. In this way, the presence information is multiplexed in all the transport streams.

[0043] In the embodiment of FIG. 1, the long term program information multiplexing means is constituted with the SI generating part SG2 and the multiplexing part MX2, and the presence information multiplexing means is constituted with the SI generating parts SG1 and SG3, and the multiplexing parts MX1 and MX3. Incidentally, while four services are multiplexed in one transport stream in FIG. 1, the number of services may be less than or more than four. Furthermore, while three transport streams TS1, TS2, and TS3 are shown, much more (such as several tens to several hundreds of) transport streams are generated.

(2) Receiver

[0044] FIG. 2 shows the block diagram of a receiver in the digital broadcasting system as an embodiment of this invention. Radio wave sent from the transmitter either along the earth as the ground wave or through a broadcasting satellite are caught with an antenna 18. A transport stream selecting part 20 selects a frequency and selectively receives one transport stream. A service selecting part 22 selects one service from a plural number of services multiplexed in the transport stream and gives it to an output part 24. The output part 24 decompresses (extends) the compressed data and outputs the video/audio data of the selected service.

[0045] A presence information retaining part 26 separates, acquires, and retains the presence information indicating the presence or absence of the long term program information S_EIT multiplexed in the transport stream. This makes it possible to know whether the long term program information S_EIT is multiplexed in the specified transport stream for every service. As described above, since the presence information is multiplexed in all the transport streams, the presence information may be acquired and retained whichever service is being received.

[0046] A long term program information acquiring part 28 determines whether the long term program information is present in each service according to the presence information retained in advance in the presence information retaining part 26. After that, the specified transport stream is received and the process of acquiring the long term program information S_EIT is performed for only the service where the long term program information is present. The acquired long term program information is processed with a search or the like and displayed on the output part 24.

[0047] In this embodiment as described above, since the presence information on the long term program information for each service is multiplexed in all the transport streams, the presence information may be retained in advance in the receiver, so that the long term program information may be acquired through a quick process.

[0048] In this embodiment, the presence information retaining means is constituted with the presence information retaining part 26, and the long term program information acquiring means is constituted with the long term program information acquiring part 28.

2. Details of the Transmitter

[0049] FIG. 3 shows the details of part of the transmitter shown in FIG. 1 for generating the transport stream TS1. Graphic data SVD11(V) of the service SV11 is compressed in a video encoder 30. The compressed data is given as an ES (elementary stream) to a FIFO (first-in first-out) memory 34 at variable rates. The FIFO memory 34 outputs the ES of the video data to a packeting circuit 38 at a fixed rate.

[0050] The packeting circuit 38 divides the ES of the video data into packets of a fixed length (such as 188 bite long) and writes them as PES (packetized ES) into a memory 42. At this time of the writing, a packet identifier (PID) is attached to each PES.

[0051] In a similar manner to that with the video data, the audio data SVD11(A) of the service SV11 is compressed in a audio encoder 32 and given to a FIFO memory 36. Furthermore, the data is made into packets of a fixed length in a packeting circuit 40, attached with a PID, and written into a memory 44.

[0052] A packet multiplex controller 46 reads the PES of the video data and audio data stored in the memories 42, 44 according to an encoding speed. It also gives the PID attached to the PES of the video data and audio data to a PMT generating circuit 48. The PMT generating circuit 48 receives them and generates a PMT (Program Map Table). The PID attached to the PES of the video data and audio data of the service in question are described in the control data PMT. The packet multiplex controller 46 multiplexes by time-division and writes the PES of the read video data and audio data and their control data PMT to a memory 50.

[0053] In this way, the time-division multiplexed data for the service SV11 is generated and stored in the memory 50.

[0054] For other services SV12, SV13, and SV14, the video data SVD12(V), audio data SVD12(A), video data SVD13(V), audio data SVD13(A), video data SVD14(V), and audio data SVD14(A) are compressed with the encoders E12, E13, and E14. The compressed ES is arranged in packets as PES with packeting parts PT12, PT13, and PT14, and multiplexed by time division with video-audio multiplexing parts AVMX12, AVMX13, and AVMX14. Time-division multiplexed data for the services SV12, SV13, and SV14 are respectively stored in memories 52, 54, and 56.

[0055] Here, the constitution of the encoders E12, E13, and E14 is the same as that of the encoder E11. The constitution of the packeting parts PT12, PT13, and PT14 is the same as that of the packeting part PT11. The constitution of the video-audio multiplexing parts AVMX12,

AVMX13, and AVMX14 is the same as that of the video-audio multiplexing part AVMX11.

[0056] The SI generation circuit SG1 receives network information, service information, and program information, and generates control data NIT, SDT, P_EIT, and F_EIT. The control data P_EIT (Present EIT) is the information indicating the currently broadcast program and is generated for each service. The control data F_EIT (following EIT) is the information indicating the program to be broadcast next to the currently broadcast program and is generated for each service. The SI generating circuit SG1 generates control data P_EIT11 through P_EIT14, and F_EIT11 through F_EIT14 for the services SV11 through SV14 multiplexed in the transport stream TS1.

[0057] The control data SDT (Service Description Table) is the information which describes the details of each service multiplexed in each transport stream, and is generated for each transport stream. In other words, in the SI generating circuit SG1 are generated the control data SDT1 for the transport stream TS1, the control data SDT2 for the transport stream TS2, and the control data SDT3 for the transport stream TS3. In other SI generating circuits SG2 and SG3 (Refer to FIG. 1), the control data SDT1, SDT2, and SDT3 are generated.

[0058] The control data NIT (Network Information Table) describes the information such as the frequency and the plane of polarization of each transport streams TS1 through TS3, and the information such as the service ID multiplexed in each transport stream. From the control data NIT, which service is multiplexed in which transport stream may be known. In the control NIT is also described which transport stream is the specified transport stream (in which a long term program information is multiplexed).

[0059] These control data NIT, SDT, P_EIT, and F_EIT are arranged in packets in the packeting circuit PTS, affixed with PID, and stored in the memory 58.

[0060] An overall packet multiplex controller 60 reads packets of PES and control data stored in the memories 50, 52, 54, 56, and 58. It also gives PID affixed to each packet to a PAT generating circuit 62. The PAT generating circuit 62 receives it and generates control data PAT (Program Association Table). In the control data PAT is described the PID of the control data PMT (Refer to the PMT generating circuit 48) which describes the packet identifier (PID) of the PES of each service. The overall packet multiplex controller 60 time-division multiplexes the PES of each service read and their control data PAT, and outputs from a terminal 64.

[0061] In the manner described above, the transport stream TS1 is generated. The transport streams TS2 and TS3 are generated with the same constitution as shown in FIG. 3. However, since the transport stream TS2 is the specified transport stream for multiplexing the long term program information, the SI generating circuit SG2 generates the long term program information S_EIT for the necessary service. The description of the control data SDT generated with the SI generating circuit SG2 is par-

tially different from the description of the control data generated with other SI generating circuits SG1 and SG3. The difference will be described later.

[0062] FIG. 4 shows the data multiplexed in the transport streams TS1, TS2, and TS3 generated as described above. The symbol ES(A) denotes audio data, and ES(V) denotes video data. The symbols NIT, PAT, PMT, SDT, P_EIT, F_EIT, and S_EIT denote the control data described above. As is clear from the figure, of the above data, the long term program information S_EIT is multiplexed only in the specified transport stream TS2.

[0063] FIG. 5 shows the data structure of the control data NIT generated with the SI generating circuit. The bit numbers shown in the lower row 303 are allocated to describe the data shown in the upper row 302. In the "table id" 304 is described an identifier to identify that the control data are NIT. The "network id" 305 is the identifier for identifying this network. In the "descriptor tag," "descriptor length," and "descriptor ()" 306 or specifically in the area 307 is described which transport stream is the specified one in which the long term program information S_EIT is multiplexed. In the "Description in each transport stream" 308 are secured description areas repeatedly by the number of transport streams K (three kind here). This is shown with $i = 0: 1 < K: i++$. In the "Description in each transport stream" 308 or specifically in the service descriptor area (not shown) is described the information on the service ID (identifier, for specifying an effective service) multiplexed in each transport stream.

[0064] As shown in FIG. 4, the control data NIT with the same contents are multiplexed and transmitted in each of the transport streams TS1, TS2, and TS3.

[0065] FIG. 6 shows the structure of the control data SDT generated with the SI generating circuit. The bit numbers shown in the lower row 203 are allocated to describe the data shown in the upper row 202. In the "table id" 204 is described an identifier to identify that the control data are SDT. The control data SDT are generated as SDT1, SDT2, and SDT3 respectively for the transport streams TS1, TS2, and TS3. In each transport stream are multiplexed, in addition to the SDT for its own, SDT for other transport streams (Refer to FIG. 4). In the "table id" 204 is described "0 x 42" in the case of SDT related to its own transport stream, and "0 x 46" in the case of SDT for other transport streams.

[0066] In the "transport stream id" 205 is described the identifier of the transport stream in which the service described in the SDT is multiplexed. The identifier of the transport stream TS1 is described for the control data SDT1, the identifier of the transport stream TS2 is described for the control data SDT2, and identifier of the transport stream TS3 is described for the control data SDT3. Incidentally, the description of the "service id" 206 through "descriptors()" is repeated by the number of services N (four here). This is shown with $i = 0: i < N: i++$.

[0067] The "service id" 206 is the identifier of service. To the "EIT schedule flag" 208 is described a flag showing the presence or absence (presence information) of the

long term program information on each service, if the transport stream in which the SDT is multiplexed is the specified transport stream (TS2 here). That is to say, in the SOT1, SDT2, and SDT3 multiplexed in the transport stream TS2, "1" is described to the "EIT schedule flag" 208 when the long term program information is present (multiplexed), and "0" is described to the "EIT schedule flag" 208 when the long term program information is not present (not multiplexed) for each service.

[0068] If the transport stream in which the SDT is multiplexed is not the specified transport stream (TS1 and TS3 here), "0" is described to the "EIT schedule flag" 208 for all the services irrespective of presence or absence of the long term program information. In other words, in the SDT1, SDT2, and SDT3 multiplexed in the transport stream TS1, TS2, "0" is always described to the "EIT schedule flag" 208.

[0069] Incidentally, the SI generating circuit SG2 of the specified transport stream TS2 sends out a flag showing the presence of the long term program information for each service to other SI generating circuits SG1 and SG3. The SI generating circuits SG1 and SG3 receives the sent out flag and describes it to the "descriptors()" 209 of the control data SDT1, SDT2, and SDT3. Therefore, also in the SDT1, SDT2, and SDT3 of the transport streams TS1 and TS3, presence or absence of the long term program information for each service may be learned by seeing the description in the "descriptors()" 209.

[0070] FIG. 7 is a flow chart of the control data generating process with the SI generating circuit SG. First in the step S1, an SDT section of the transport stream in question is generated on the basis of the inputted service information. Next, information on the presence of the long term program for the service is acquired (step S2). The acquired presence information is described to the "descriptors()" (step S3)."

[0071] Next, it is determined whether the steps S2 and S3 are executed for all the services in the transport stream in question (step S4). If any service remains unprocessed, the next is made the subject (step S5) to repeatedly execute from the step S2 on.

[0072] When the process for all the services in the transport stream is over, generation of one SDT for the transport stream in question is complete. Next in the step S6, it is determined whether the SDT is generated for all the transport streams. If any transport stream remains to be processed, the next transport stream is made the subject, and the step S1 and the succeeding steps are repeatedly executed.

[0073] In the manner described above, the SDT corresponding to each transport stream is generated.

[0074] Incidentally, while this embodiment is arranged to generate the presence information with the SI generating circuit SG2 and give it to other SI generating circuits SG1 and SG3, it may also be arranged to generate the presence information with other circuit or software and give it to the SI generating circuits SG1, SG2, and SG3.

[0075] Incidentally, while it is not always necessary to describe the presence information to the "descriptors ()" 209 of the SDT3, it is preferable to describe the presence information to these descriptors.

[0076] While the above-described embodiment is arranged to describe the presence information in the "descriptors()" 209, it may be described in other areas as long as the areas are made to correspond to the service. For instance, it may be described in the "reserved future use" 207. Or, it may be described in the "descriptors()" 309 of the control data NIT shown in FIG. 5. The area 308 is the area for repeated description for each transport stream (description loop for each transport stream). The "descriptors()" 309 is the area for further repeated description for each service.

[0077] FIG. 20 shows the data structure of the long term program information S_EIT generated with the SI generating circuit SG2. The bit numbers shown in the lower row 2003 are allocated to describe the data shown in the upper row 2002. In the "table id" 2004 is described an identifier for indicating that the control data is S_EIT. Since the S EIT is generated for each service, the ID of the service in which the long term program information is described by means of the S_EIT is described to the "service id" 2005. From the "event id" 2006 to the "descriptors()" 2009, an area is repeatedly secured for each event (namely each program). Therefore, the "start time" 2007, "duration" 2008, and detail of contents of the program are described for each program identified with the event ID (event id). In the "descriptors()" 2009, genres of the program (such as foreign films, Japanese films, and sports) are also described.

[0078] Incidentally, this embodiment is arranged to describe the long term program information for four days in one S_EIT. It is also arranged that the program information for up to one week to come is described in the S_EIT for one service. Therefore, a plural number of S_EIT are generated for one service, such as an S_EIT describing the program information for four days including today and another S_EIT for four days after that. These S_EITs are provided with different table IDs (table id) for discrimination from each other.

[0079] In FIG. 4, although only one S_EIT is shown for one service, actually a plural number of S_EITs having different table IDs (table ids) are multiplexed.

[0080] Incidentally, in the embodiment described above, the presence information is multiplexed in all the transport streams in which the service is included. However, it may also be arranged that the presence information is multiplexed not in all the transport streams but in one or more of them other than the specified transport stream. Furthermore, it may also be arranged that the presence information is multiplexed not only in all the transport streams that include the service but also in all the transport streams that do not include the service (such as the transport stream that includes the control data only).

3. Details of Receiver:

[0081] FIG. 8 shows a hardware constitution of the receiver shown in FIG. 2, embodied by employing a CPU. An antenna 831 captures the radio wave from a transmitter and supplies it to a tuner 832. The tuner 832 under the instruction of a CPU 847 receives selectively one transport stream. The tuner 832 further performs demodulation and error correction processes, and outputs to a TS decoder 841.

[0082] The TS decoder 841 separates video and audio data of the required service from a plural number of services (video and audio data) multiplexed in the transport stream according to the packet identifier (PID) set with the CPU 847. The separated video data are given through a FIFO memory 836 to a video decoder 837, and expanded. The video data are converted into analog signals through a digital-to-analog (D/A) converter 838, passed through a video synthesizing circuit 839, and displayed on a monitor 840 such as a liquid crystal display and CRT. Incidentally, data written into a video RAM (VRAM) 846 are converted into analog signals through a digital-to-analog (D/A) converter 845 and given to a video synthesizing circuit 839. In this way, characters or the like may be displayed as superposed on a picture.

[0083] The separated audio data are given through a FIFO memory 833 to a audio decoder and expanded. The audio data are outputted as sound from a speaker 835.

[0084] In a service information management memory 842 are recorded a service overview table and presence information on the long term program for each service. In a program information memory 843 is recorded the acquired long term program information.

[0085] A remote control operating part 849 receives reception start by a receiving person, service specification, display command for the long term program information, and instruction for genre search for the program information, and output them to a microcomputer 848 of the main part of the receiver.

[0086] The CPU 847 controls the tuner 832, and the TS decoder 842. The program for the control is recorded in the memory 844. Incidentally, this control program may be one that operates alone, or one that operates with an operating system as a premise. Furthermore, as shown in FIG. 9, the memory 844 is provided with areas serving as various buffers.

[0087] FIG. 10 shows a flow chart of a basic reception process program recorded in the memory 844. The following explanation is made on the assumption that, when the service SV33 of the transport stream TS 3 is being received, a command to switch to the service SV12 of the transport stream TS1 is issued from the remote control operating part 849. Here, as shown in FIG. 4, it is assumed that the control data and video and audio data are multiplexed in all the transport streams TS1, TS2, and TS3.

[0088] The service switching command from the re-

remote control operating part 849 is given to the microcomputer 848 and retained in a remote control input buffer 906 (Refer to FIG. 9) of the memory 844. This command is also given to a CPU 847.

[0089] First, the CPU 847 sets the PID of the control data PAT3 to the TS decoder 841, acquires the PAT3 of the transport stream currently being received, and retains it in a PAT reception buffer 902 of the memory 844 (step S11). Next, a determination is made whether a desired service SV12 is described in the acquired PAT3. In other words, it is determined whether the desired service SV12 is multiplexed in the transport stream TS3 currently being received (step S12). Since the service SV12 is not multiplexed in the transport stream TS3, the process goes on to the step S13.

[0090] In the step S13, the PID of the NIT is acquired according to the description of the acquired PAT3. Next, the CPU 847 sets the PID of the NIT to the TS decoder 841, takes in the control data NIT multiplexed in the transport stream TS3, and records in the NIT reception buffer 901 of the memory 844 (step S14). In the control data NIT are described service IDs multiplexed in respective transport streams. As the CPU 847 receives them, it is known that the service SV12 intended for reception is multiplexed in the transport stream TS1 (step S15).

[0091] Next, the CPU 847 controls the tuner 832 so that it receives the transport stream TS1 (step S16). It further sets the packet ID of the control data PAT1 (Refer to FIG. 4) to the TS decoder 841, takes in the control data PAT1, and records it in the PAT reception buffer of the memory 844 (step S17). To the control data PAT1 are also described the packet IDs of the control data PMT11, PMT12, PMT13, and PMT14.

[0092] From the control data PAT1 taken in, the CPU 847 acquires the packet ID of the control data PMT12 of the service SV12 intended for reception (step S18). Next, the CPU 847 sets the packet ID to the TS decoder 841, and takes in the control data PMT12 (step S19). The CPU 847 further acquires from the control data PMT12 the packet IDs of the video data ES(A)12 and audio data ES(V)12 of the service SV12 intended for reception (step S20).

[0093] Next, the CPU 847 sets the packet ID to the TS decoder 841. As a result, the video data ES(A)12 and audio data ES(V)12 of the service SV12 are outputted from the TS decoder 841 and given to the FIFO memories 836 and 833. In the manner described above, the received service is switched.

[0094] FIG. 11 shows a flow chart of the presence information recording process program recorded in the memory 844. This presence information recording process program is repeatedly executed every specified time (for example every two hours) by time interruption or the like while a basic receiving process is being executed.

[0095] Here, the explanation below is made on the assumption that the service SV12 of the transport stream TS1 is currently being received. First, the CPU 847 analyzes the control data PAT recorded in the PAT recep-

tion buffer 902 of the memory 844, and recognizes that the transport stream currently being received is TS1. In other words, the transport stream ID is recognized (step S31). Incidentally, since the presence information recording process is performed in the midst of the basic reception process, the control data Pat and NIT are recorded in the memory 844.

[0096] Next, the CPU 847 analyzes the control data NIT recorded in the NIT reception buffer 901 of the memory 844, and records, as a service information control table, the service overview table and the transport stream in which the service in question is multiplexed to the service information management memory 842. FIG. 12 shows the service information control table in which the IDs of the service and transport stream are recorded.

[0097] Next, the CPU 847 acquires the transport stream ID (0 x 0001, namely TS1 here) which appears first in the service information control table, and determines if the ID is the same as the transport stream ID currently being received (step S33). Since the service SV12 of the transport stream TS1 is currently being received and both of the IDs are the same, the process moves on to the step S34.

[0098] In the step S34, the ID of the SDT is set to the TS decoder 841. At the same time, table id = "0 x 42," service ID (service id) = "0 x 0001" are set to the TS decoder 841. In this way, it is possible to acquire the SDT1 of the transport stream TS1 and record it in the SDT reception buffer 904 of the memory 844. The CPU 847 then analyzes the "descriptors()" area of the acquired control data SDT1 (Refer to FIG. 14) and acquires the presence information. In the "descriptors()" area is described the presence information on the services SV11 through SV14 multiplexed in the transport stream TS1. This information is recorded in the presence information box in the service information control table for the services SV11 through SV14.

[0099] Next, a determination is made whether all the transport stream (namely all the services) are processed (step S37). If not, the next transport stream is made the subject and the step S33 and succeeding steps are repeatedly executed (step S38).

[0100] Here, if the transport stream ID (transport stream id) of the subject service is not equal to the transport stream ID (transport stream id) currently being received, the table ID (table id) is set as "0 x 46" in the step S35. In this way, the SDT may be acquired.

[0101] When the process is over for all the transport streams, the presence information recording process is complete. A service information control table obtained in this way is shown in FIG. 13.

[0102] While the above description is made for the case in which the recording process is made for each transport stream, it may be made for each service.

[0103] Furthermore, while this embodiment is arranged to make the presence information recording process at specified time intervals, the process may be made every time the specified control data are received. It may

also be arranged that the process is made whenever room for processing is produced in the CPU.

[0104] Furthermore, it may also be arranged that the process is made before turning off the power supply when an instruction is given from the remote control operation part 849 to turn off the power supply.

[0105] FIG. 17 shows a flow chart of a genre search process program recorded in the memory 844. Here, the term genre search refers to a process to select and display programs of a desired genre according to genre information included in the long term program information. In the following explanation, it is assumed that a genre search is made while the service SV12 of the transport stream TS1 is currently received.

[0106] When a genre search command is issued from the remote control operation part 849, the microcomputer 848 transmits it to the CPU 847. The CPU 847 receives it and starts the genre search process of FIG. 17.

[0107] First, the CPU 847 in the step S41 writes the data for the genre search menu to a VRAM 846. This causes a monitor 840 to display a genre search menu as shown in FIG. 18. The receiving person may select a genre to be searched by operating a cursor key (an arrow key) of the remote control operation part 849. FIG. 18 is incidentally in the state in which the genre of foreign films is selected. When a decision button of the remote control operation part 849 is pressed in that state, an instruction for executing a search for the programs belonging to the foreign film genre is given to the microcomputer 848. When the CPU 847 receives the search execution instruction from the microcomputer 848, the process goes to the step S43.

[0108] The CPU 847 analyzes the NIT stored in the NIT reception buffer 901 of the memory 844, and recognizes in which transport stream the long term program information S_EIT is multiplexed. Next, the CPU 847 determines whether the transport stream currently being received (TS1 here) coincides with the specified transport stream in which the long term program information S_EIT is multiplexed (step S44). Since it is not the case here, the tuner 832 is controlled to receive the specified transport stream TS2 (step S45).

[0109] Next, the contents of the presence information on the service of the first line in the service information control table (FIG. 13) are acquired (step S46). The first line describes the service SV11, and the state of the presence information is "yes." From this, it is learned that the long term program information S_EIT on the service SV11 is multiplexed.

[0110] With this embodiment, since the presence information is recorded in advance in the service information control table, the information may be quickly read from the memory 842 and used. In this way, the process is made quicker.

[0111] In the case of the state of the presence information is "yes," the process goes from the step S47 to the step S48, to the TS decoder 841 is set the PID of the 5 EIT. At the same time, the service ID (service id) and

the table ID (table id) are also set to the TS decoder 841. In this way, the TS decoder 841 obtains only the S_EIT, from among S_EITs, in which the table id agrees with the service id.

[0112] As the service id, the service ID (service id) of the service SV11 currently made as the subject, namely "0 x 0011," is set. Also, it is arranged that long term program information for four days are described in one S_EIT11 and that the long term program information for one week may be acquired by sending out a plural number of the long term program information. Therefore, the long term program information for one week is acquired by setting the table ID (table id) of the plural number of S_EIT11.

[0113] The CPU 847 analyzes the description of the acquired S_EIT and writes the program information on the service in question to the program information table as shown in FIG. 21. In the program information table are written the service ID, event ID, date of broadcasting, broadcasting time, program name, genre and so on, and stored in the program information memory 843.

[0114] As described above, for the service in the case the state of the presence information is "yes," the S_EIT is acquired in the step S48 and its contents are recorded in the program information table. After that, the process goes to the step S49.

[0115] For the service in the case the state of the presence information is "no," the acquiring process of the step S48 is skipped to go to the step S49.

[0116] In the step S49, whether all the services are processed or not is determined. If any service remains to be processed in the service information control table, the next service is made the subject and the step S49 and the succeeding steps are repeatedly executed (step S50).

[0117] When the process for all the services is over by repeating the process described above, a program information table shown in FIG. 21 is recorded in the program information memory 843. Next, the CPU 847 performs a genre information search of the program information table according to the indication of the searched contents. Here, only the program in which the genre is about the foreign films is chosen. The CPU 847 writes the program information chosen as described above to the VRAM 846 to be displayed on the monitor 840.

[0118] FIG. 19 shows the displayed search result. The receiving person may reserve reception of programs by operating the remote control operating part 849 to choose the programs on the displayed search result. That is to say, the CPU 847 refers to the calendar and clock of the receiver by retaining the service ID, event ID, broadcasting data, broadcasting start time, etc. of the chosen program in the memory 844, and automatically receives the intended program at the intended time.

[0119] Incidentally, while the process of search by the genre is explained above as an example in the case the presence information and the long term program information is required, the process may be generally applied

to other cases of searches based on the described contents of the S_EIT such as by the broadcasting date, broadcasting time, and service.

[0120] In any case, the process that requires the presence information may be made quicker with this embodiment.

[0121] The embodiment described above is arranged to acquire the S_EIT by referring to the presence information and to record the program information table in the program information memory 843 every time the genre search command is issued from the remote control operating part 849. However, in the case the genre search command is issued from the remote control operating part 849 after the program information table is stored, the search may be made using the program information already recorded in the program information memory 843 to accelerate the display of the search results. In that case for example, the program information table may be renewed by performing the S_EIT acquisition process every time a command is given to turn off the power supply of the receiver. Alternatively, the program information table may be renewed by performing the S_EIT acquisition process at specified timings (for example regularly) while the transport stream is being received in which the S_EIT is multiplexed.

[0122] While the above embodiment is described as applied to the unidirectional wireless broadcasting, it may also be applied to the bi-directional broadcasting. Furthermore, it may be applied not only to the wireless broadcasting but similarly to the wired broadcasting such as the cable television.

[0123] Furthermore, while the above embodiment is described as applied to broadcasting the video and audio data, it may be applied even to the cases of broadcasting computer programs and data as long as the concept of the program is involved.

[0124] While the above embodiment uses the CPU for embodying the function of each block of FIG. 2, part or whole of it may be constituted with a hardware logic.

[0125] The present invention can be embodied as software loaded on a carrier medium or transmitted as a signal e.g. downloaded software.

Claims

1. A digital broadcasting system comprising a transmitter (4) for sending a plural number of transport streams (TS1-TS3), and a receiver (18-28) for selecting and receiving services (SV11-SV34) in said transport streams, each transport stream carrying a respective number of services, said transmitter comprising:

long term program information multiplexing means (MX2) for making at least one transport stream (TS2) a specified transport stream and for multiplexing long term program information

(S_EIT11-S_EIT34) for each service in said specified transport stream, said long term program information defining a future broadcasting schedule for some but not all of the services, and presence information multiplexing means (MX1-MX3) for multiplexing presence information for each service representative of whether said long term program information is multiplexed or not in said specified transport stream; and

said receiver comprising:

presence information retaining means (26) for acquiring and retaining said presence information, and

long term program information acquiring means (28) for determining whether said long term program information for said service in question is present or not on the basis of said presence information retained in said presence information retaining means, said long term program information acquiring means being operable to acquire said long term program information for only those transport streams in which said long term program information is present;

characterised in that said presence information multiplexing means is operable to multiplex the presence information for each service in all of said transport streams including at least one service and **in that** the presence information retaining means is operable to acquire the presence information multiplexed in whichever transport stream is currently being received.

2. A digital broadcasting system of claim 1, wherein said presence information multiplexing means is operable to multiplex said presence information also in all said transport streams that do not include services.
3. A transmitter (4) for use in a system as claimed in claim 1 for sending a plural number of transport streams (TS1-TS3), comprising:

long term program information multiplexing means (MX2) for making at least one transport stream a specified transport stream (TS2), said long term program information multiplexing means being operable to multiplex long term program information in said specified transport stream, said long term program information defining a future broadcasting schedule for some but not all of the services, and presence information multiplexing means (MX1-MX3) for multiplexing, for each service, presence information representative of whether said long term program information is multiplexed or not in said specified transport stream; **characterised in that** the presence information

multiplexing means is operable to multiplex the presence information in all said transport streams including at least one service.

4. A transmitter of claim 3, wherein said presence information multiplexing means is further operable to multiplex the presence information in all said transport streams that do not include services. 5

5. A receiver (18-24) for use in a system as claimed in claim 1 for selecting and receiving services (SV11-SV34) in a plural number of transport streams (TS1-TS3), comprising: 10

presence information retaining means (26) for acquiring and retaining said presence information on each service, and 15

long term program information acquiring means (28) for determining whether said long term program information about the service in question is present or not whenever it is necessary to acquire said long term program information about a service, said long term program information acquiring means being operable to perform said long term program information acquiring process for only those services for which said long term program information is present; 20

characterised in that the presence information retaining means is operable to acquire the presence information multiplexed in all of the transport streams including at least one service by acquiring the presence information from whichever one of the transport streams is currently being received. 25

6. A receiver of claim 5, wherein said long term program information acquiring means is operable to acquire said long term program information without changing said transport stream to be received if said transport stream currently being received is a specified transport stream, and to acquire said long term program information after changing said transport stream to be received into said specified transport stream if said transport stream currently being received is not a specified transport stream. 30 35 40 45

7. A receiver of claim 5, wherein said presence information retaining means is operable to acquire and retain said presence information for all said services at specified time intervals during said receiving operation. 50

8. A receiver of claim 5, wherein said presence information retaining means is operable to acquire and retain said presence information for all said services when said power supply is turned off. 55

9. A receiver of claim 5, further comprising:

long term program information memory means for storing said long term program information acquired with said long term program information acquiring means,

search receiving means for receiving search instruction for program information, and

search execution means for searching long term program information stored in said long term program information memory means according to said search instruction, and outputting search results,

wherein said long term program information acquiring means is operable to start its process by receiving said search instruction and to store said long term program information in said long term program information memory means, and

wherein said search execution means is operable to start its process after said long term program information is stored in said long term program information memory means by said long term program information acquiring means.

10. A receiver as claimed in claim 5, comprising:

a transport stream selecting part for selecting and receiving a transport stream according to an instruction from a processing part,

a separating part for separating and acquiring desired data from said transport stream selected with said transport stream selecting part according to said instruction from said processing part,

a processing part for controlling the operation of said transport stream selecting part and said separating part,

a program recording part for storing the program for determining the process contents of said processing part, and

a data recording part for recording data,

wherein said program causes a computer to execute the following processes:

while a desired transport stream is being received in said separating part, to acquire said presence information on said long term program information for each service multiplexed in said transport stream in question and record it in said data recording part,

upon receiving an instruction to acquire said long term program information about a service, to determine whether said long term program information about the service is present or not from said presence information recorded in said data recording part,

not to perform an acquiring process for those where no long term program information is present, and

for those where said long term program information is present, to control said transport stream selecting part to receive said transport

stream in which said long term program information is multiplexed, control said separating part to separate and acquire said long term program information from said transport stream in question.

11. A digital communication method for sending a plural number of transport streams, each transport stream carrying a respective number of services, wherein, at a transmitter (4), at least one transport stream (TS2) is made a specified transport stream and long term program information (S_EIT11-S_EIT34) is multiplexed in said specified transport stream, said long term program information defining a future broadcasting schedule for some but not all of the services, and
for each service, presence information representative of whether said long term program information is multiplexed or not in said specified transport stream is multiplexed also in transport streams other than said specified transport stream.
12. A digital communication method of claim 11, wherein said presence information is multiplexed in all said transport streams including at least one service.
13. A digital communication method of claim 12, wherein said presence information is multiplexed also in all said transport streams that do not include services.
14. A digital communication method of claim 11, wherein said present information is described in a service description table.
15. A digital communication method of claim 14, wherein said presence information is described in a descriptor area of said service description table.
16. A digital communication method of claim 11, wherein said presence information is described in a network information table.
17. A digital communication method of claim 16 wherein said presence information is described in a description loop for each transport stream in said network information table.
18. A method of processing received signals transmitted according to a method as claimed in claim 11, wherein;
presence information on each service multiplexed in said transport stream currently being received is acquired and stored (S36), the presence information multiplexed in all of the transport streams is acquired by acquiring the presence information from whichever one of the transport streams is currently being received, and
whether said long term program information on the

service in question is present or not is determined from said stored presence information whenever it is necessary to learn whether said long term program information is present or not for the service.

19. A digital broadcasting method of claim 18, wherein said presence information is further multiplexed in all said transport streams that do not include services.
20. A carrier medium carrying processor implementable instructions for controlling a processor of a transmitter to carry out the method of any one of claims 11 to 17.
21. A carrier medium carrying processor implementable instructions for controlling a processor of a receiver to carry out all of the steps of a method as claimed in any one of claims 18 and 19.
22. A signal broadcast using the method of any one of claims 11 to 17.

Patentansprüche

1. Digitales Rundfunkübertragungssystem aufweisend einen Sender (4) zum Senden einer Mehrzahl von Transportströmen (TS1-TS3), und einen Empfänger (18-28) zum Auswählen und Empfangen von Diensten (SV11-SV34) in den Transportströmen, wobei jeder Transportstrom eine jeweilige Anzahl von Diensten befördert, wobei der Sender aufweist:

Langzeit-Programminformations-Multiplexmittel (MX2), um wenigstens einen Transportstrom (TS2) zu einem spezifizierten Transportstrom zu machen und zum Multiplexen einer Langzeit-Programminformation (S_EIT11-S_EIT34) für jeden Dienst in den spezifizierten Transportstrom, wobei die Langzeit-Programminformation einen zukünftigen Rundfunkzeitplan für einige, aber nicht alle der Dienste definiert, und Präsenzinformations-Multiplexmittel (MX1-MX3) zum Multiplexen von Präsenzinformation für jeden Dienst, repräsentativ dafür, ob die Langzeit-Programminformation in den spezifizierten Transportstrom gemultiplext ist oder nicht; und

wobei der Empfänger aufweist:

Präsenzinformations-Zurückbehaltungsmittel (26) zum Erfassen und Zurückbehalten der Präsenzinformation, und
Langzeit-Programminformations-Erfassungsmittel (28) zum Bestimmen, ob die Langzeit-Pro-

gramminformation für den fraglichen Dienst gegenwärtig ist oder nicht, auf der Basis der in den Präsenzinformations-Zurückhaltungsmitteln zurückbehaltenen Präsenzinformation, wobei die Langzeit-Programminformations-Erfassungsmittel bedienbar sind, um die Langzeit-Programminformation für nur diese Transportströme zu erfassen, in welchen die Langzeit-Programminformation gegenwärtig ist;

dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass

die Präsenzinformations-Multiplexmittel bedienbar sind, um die Präsenzinformation für jeden Dienst in alle der Transportströme zu multiplexen, beinhaltend wenigstens einen Dienst, und dass die Präsenzinformations-Zurückhaltungsmittel bedienbar sind, um die Präsenzinformation zu erfassen, die in den Transportstrom, welcher auch immer gerade empfangen wird, gemultiplext ist.

2. Digitales Rundfunkübertragungssystem nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Präsenzinformations-Multiplexmittel bedienbar sind, um die Präsenzinformation auch in alle die Transportströme zu multiplexen, die keine Dienste beinhalten.
3. Empfänger (4) zur Benutzung in einem System wie mit Anspruch 1 beansprucht zum Senden einer Mehrzahl von Transportströmen (TS1-TS3), aufweisend:

Langzeit-Programminformations-Multiplexmittel (MX2), um wenigstens einen Transportstrom (TS2) zu einem spezifizierten Transportstrom zu machen, wobei die Langzeit-Programminformations-Multiplexmittel bedienbar sind, um Langzeit-Programminformation in den spezifizierten Transportstrom zu multiplexen, wobei die Langzeit-Programminformation einen zukünftigen Rundfunkzeitplan für einige, aber nicht alle der Dienste definiert, und Präsenzinformations-Multiplexmittel (MX1-MX3) zum Multiplexen von Präsenzinformation für jeden Dienst, repräsentativ dafür, ob die Langzeit-Programminformation in den spezifizierten Transportstrom gemultiplext ist oder nicht;

dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass

die Präsenzinformations-Multiplexmittel bedienbar sind, um die Präsenzinformation in alle die Transportströme zu multiplexen, beinhaltend wenigstens einen Dienst.

4. Sender nach Anspruch 3, wobei die Präsenzinformations-Multiplexmittel ferner bedienbar sind, um die Präsenzinformation in alle die Transportströme

zu multiplexen, die keine Dienste beinhalten.

5. Empfänger (18-24) zur Benutzung in einem System wie mit Anspruch 1 beansprucht zum Auswählen und Empfangen von Diensten (SV11-SV34) in einer Mehrzahl von Transportströmen (TS1-TS3), aufweisend:

Präsenzinformations-Zurückhaltungsmittel (26) zum Erfassen und Zurückbehalten der Präsenzinformation für jedem Dienst, und Langzeit-Programminformations-Erfassungsmittel (28) zum Bestimmen, ob die Langzeit-Programminformation über den fraglichen Dienst gegenwärtig ist oder nicht, wann immer es notwendig ist, die Langzeit-Programminformation über einen Dienst zu erfassen, wobei die Langzeit-Programminformations-Erfassungsmittel bedienbar sind, um den Langzeit-Programminformations-Erfassungsprozess nur für die Dienste durchzuführen, für welche die Langzeit-Programminformation gegenwärtig ist;

dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass

die Präsenzinformations-Zurückhaltungsmittel bedienbar sind, um die Präsenzinformation zu erfassen, die in alle der Transportströme beinhaltend wenigstens einen Dienst gemultiplext ist, durch Erfassen der Präsenzinformation von dem der Transportströme, der auch immer gerade empfangen wird.

6. Empfänger nach Anspruch 5, wobei die Langzeit-Programminformations-Multiplexmittel bedienbar sind, um die Langzeit-Programminformation ohne Wechseln des zu empfangenden Transportstroms erfassen, wenn der gerade empfangene Transportstrom ein spezifizierter Transportstrom ist, und um die Langzeit-Programminformation nach Wechseln des zu empfangenden Transportstroms zum spezifizierten Transportstrom zu erfassen, wenn der gerade empfangene Transportstrom ein spezifizierter Transportstrom ist.
7. Empfänger nach Anspruch 5, wobei die Präsenzinformations-Zurückhaltungsmittel bedienbar sind, um die Präsenzinformation für alle Dienste zu spezifizierten Zeitintervallen während des Empfangsbetriebs zu erfassen und zurück zu behalten.
8. Empfänger nach Anspruch 5, wobei die Präsenzinformations-Zurückhaltungsmittel bedienbar sind, um die Präsenzinformation für alle Dienste zu erfassen und zurück zu behalten, wenn die Stromversorgung abgeschaltet wird.
9. Empfänger nach Anspruch 5, ferner aufweisend:

Langzeit-Programminformations-Speichermit-

tel zum Speichern der Langzeit-Programminformation, die mit den Langzeit-Programminformations-Erfassungsmitteln erfasst wurde, Suchempfangsmittel zum Empfangen von einer Suchanweisung nach Programminformation, und
 Suchausführungsmittel zum Suchen von Langzeit-Programminformation, die in den Langzeit-Programminformations-Speichermitteln gespeichert ist, gemäß der Suchanweisung, und zum Ausgeben der Suchergebnisse, wobei die Langzeit-Programminformations-Erfassungsmittel bedienbar sind, um ihren Prozess durch Empfangen der Suchanweisung zu starten und die Langzeit-Programminformation in den Langzeit-Programminformations-Speichermitteln zu speichern, und wobei die Suchausführungsmittel bedienbar sind, um ihren Prozess zu starten, nachdem die Langzeit-Programminformation in den Langzeit-Programminformations-Speichermitteln durch die Langzeit-Programminformations-Erfassungsmittel gespeichert wurde.

10. Empfänger wie mit Anspruch 5 beansprucht, aufweisend:

ein Transportstromauswahlteil zum Auswählen und Empfangen eines Transportstroms gemäß einer Anweisung von einem Prozessteil, ein Trennungsteil zum Trennen und Erfassen gewünschter Daten vom Transportstrom, der mit dem Transportstromauswahlteil gemäß der Anweisung vom Prozessteil ausgewählt wurde, ein Prozessteil zum Steuern des Betriebs des Transportstromauswahlteils und des Trennungsteils, ein Programmaufzeichnungsteil zum Speichern des Programms zum Bestimmen der Prozessinhalte des Prozessteils, und ein Datenaufzeichnungsteil zum Aufzeichnen von Daten, wobei das Programm einen Computer veranlasst, die folgenden Prozesse auszuführen: während ein gewünschter Transportstrom im Trennungsteil empfangen wird, die Präsenzinformation für die Langzeit-Programminformation für jeden in den fraglichen Transportstrom gemultiplexten Dienst erfassen und im Datenaufzeichnungsteil aufzeichnen, beim Empfangen einer Anweisung zum Erfassen der Langzeit-Programminformation über einen Dienst, bestimmen, ob die Langzeit-Programminformation über den Dienst gegenwärtig ist oder nicht, von der Präsenzinformation, die im Datenaufzeichnungsteil aufgezeichnet wurde, nicht ausführen eines Erfassungsprozesses für

diese, wo keine Langzeit-Programminformation gegenwärtig ist, und für diese, wo Langzeit-Programminformation gegenwärtig ist, steuern des Transportstromauswahlteils, um den Transportstrom zu empfangen, in welchem die Langzeit-Programminformation gemultiplext ist, steuern des Trennungsteils, um die Langzeit-Programminformation vom fraglichen Transportstrom zu trennen und zu erfassen.

11. Digitales Kommunikationsverfahren zum Senden einer Mehrzahl von Transportströmen, wobei jeder Transportstrom eine jeweilige Anzahl von Diensten befördert, wobei, bei einem Sender (4), wenigstens ein Transportstrom (TS2) zu einem spezifizierten Transportstrom gemacht wird und Langzeit-Programminformation (S_EIT11-S_EIT34) in den spezifizierten Transportstrom gemultiplext wird, wobei die Langzeit-Programminformation einen zukünftigen Rundfunkzeitplan für einige, aber nicht alle der Dienste definiert, und wobei für jeden Dienst Präsenzinformation, repräsentativ dafür, ob die Langzeit-Programminformation in den spezifizierten Transportstrom gemultiplext ist oder nicht, auch in andere Transportströme als den spezifizierten Transportstrom gemultiplext wird.

12. Digitales Kommunikationsverfahren nach Anspruch 11, wobei die Präsenzinformation in alle die Transportströme gemultiplext wird, welche wenigstens einen Dienst beinhalten.

13. Digitales Kommunikationsverfahren nach Anspruch 12, wobei die Präsenzinformation auch in alle die Transportströme gemultiplext wird, die keine Dienste beinhalten.

14. Digitales Kommunikationsverfahren nach Anspruch 11, wobei die vorliegende Information in einer Dienstbeschreibungstabelle beschrieben ist.

15. Digitales Kommunikationsverfahren nach Anspruch 14, wobei die Präsenzinformation in einem Deskriptorenbereich der Dienstbeschreibungstabelle beschrieben ist.

16. Digitales Kommunikationsverfahren nach Anspruch 11, wobei die Präsenzinformation in einer Netzwerkinformationstabelle beschrieben ist.

17. Digitales Kommunikationsverfahren nach Anspruch

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wobei die Präsenzinformation in einer Beschreibungsschleife für jeden Transportstrom in der Netzwerkinformationstabelle beschrieben ist.

18. Verfahren zum Verarbeiten von empfangenen Signalen, die gemäß einem Verfahren wie mit Anspruch 11 beansprucht übertragen wurden, wobei Präsenzinformation für jeden Dienst, gemultiplext in den gerade empfangenen Transportstrom, erfasst und gespeichert wird (S36), wobei die in alle der Transportströme gemultiplexte Präsenzinformation erfasst wird durch Erfassen der Präsenzinformation von dem der Transportströme, der auch immer gerade empfangen wird, und
wobei bestimmt wird von der gespeicherten Präsenzinformation, ob die Langzeit-Präsenzinformation für den fraglichen Dienst gegenwärtig ist oder nicht, wann immer es notwendig ist, zu lernen, ob die Langzeit-Programminformation für den Dienst gegenwärtig ist oder nicht.
19. Digitales Rundfunkübertragungsverfahren nach Anspruch 18, wobei die Präsenzinformation ferner in alle die Transportströme gemultiplext wird, die keine Dienste beinhalten.
20. Trägermedium, das Prozessor-implementierbare Anweisungen zum Steuern eines Prozessors eines Senders, um das Verfahren nach irgendeinem der Ansprüche 11 bis 17 auszuführen, trägt.
21. Trägermedium, das Prozessor-implementierbare Anweisungen zum Steuern eines Prozessors eines Empfängers, um alle der Schritte eines Verfahrens wie mit irgendeinem der Ansprüche 18 und 19 beansprucht auszuführen, trägt.
22. Signalarundfunk benutzend das Verfahren von irgendeinem der Ansprüche 11 bis 17.

Revendications

1. Système de diffusion numérique comportant un émetteur (4) pour envoyer une pluralité de flux de transport (TS1-TS3), et un récepteur (18-28) pour sélectionner et recevoir des services (SV11-SV34) dans lesdits flux de transport, chaque flux de transport transportant un nombre respectif de services, ledit émetteur comportant :

des moyens de multiplexage d'informations de programme à long terme (MX2) pour faire en sorte qu'au moins un flux de transport (TS2) soit un flux de transport spécifié et pour multiplexer des informations de programme à long terme (S_EIT11-S_EIT34) pour chaque service dans

ledit flux de transport spécifié, lesdites informations de programme à long terme définissant un programme de diffusion future pour certains des services mais pas la totalité de ceux-ci, et des moyens de multiplexage d'informations de présence (MX1-MX3) pour multiplexer des informations de présence pour chaque service indiquant si oui ou non lesdites informations de programme à long terme sont multiplexées dans ledit flux de transport spécifié, et ledit récepteur comportant :
des moyens de conservation d'informations de présence (26) pour acquérir et conserver lesdites informations de présence, et
des moyens d'acquisition d'informations de programme à long terme (28) pour déterminer si oui ou non lesdites informations de programme à long terme pour ledit service en question sont présentes sur la base desdites informations de présence conservées dans lesdits moyens de conservation d'informations de présence, lesdits moyens d'acquisition d'informations de programme à long terme étant opérationnels pour acquérir lesdites informations de programme à long terme uniquement pour les flux de transport dans lesquels lesdites informations de programme à long terme sont présentes,
caractérisé en ce que lesdits moyens de multiplexage d'informations de présence sont opérationnels pour multiplexer les informations de présence pour chaque service dans tous lesdits flux de transport incluant au moins un service et **en ce que** les moyens de conservation d'informations de présence sont opérationnels pour acquérir les informations de présence multiplexées dans n'importe quel flux de transport qui est actuellement reçu.

2. Système de diffusion numérique selon la revendication 1, dans lequel lesdits moyens de multiplexage d'informations de présence sont opérationnels pour multiplexer lesdites informations de présence également dans tous lesdits flux de transport qui n'incluent pas de services.
3. Emetteur (4) à utiliser dans un système selon la revendication 1 pour envoyer une pluralité de flux de transport (TS1-TS3), comportant :

des moyens de multiplexage d'informations de programme à long terme (MX2) pour faire en sorte qu'au moins un flux de transport soit un flux de transport spécifié (TS2), lesdits moyens de multiplexage d'informations de programme à long terme étant opérationnels pour multiplexer des informations de programme à long terme dans ledit flux de transport spécifié, lesdites informations de programme à long terme

- définissant un programme de diffusion future pour certains des services mais pas la totalité de ceux-ci, et
des moyens de multiplexage d'informations de présence (MX1-MX3) pour multiplexer, pour chaque service, des informations de présence indiquant si oui ou non lesdites informations de programme à long terme sont multiplexées dans ledit flux de transport spécifié,
caractérisé en ce que les moyens de multiplexage d'informations de présence sont opérationnels pour multiplexer les informations de présence dans tous lesdits flux de transport incluant au moins un service.
4. Emetteur selon la revendication 3, dans lequel lesdits moyens de multiplexage d'informations de présence sont en outre opérationnels pour multiplexer les informations de présence dans tous lesdits flux de transport qui n'incluent pas de services.
5. Récepteur (18-24) à utiliser dans un système selon la revendication 1 pour sélectionner et recevoir des services (SV11-SV34) dans une pluralité de flux de transport (TS1-TS3), comportant :
- des moyens de conservation d'informations de présence (26) pour acquérir et conserver lesdites informations de présence sur chaque service, et
des moyens d'acquisition d'informations de programme à long terme (28) pour déterminer si oui ou non lesdites informations de programme à long terme concernant le service en question sont présentes à chaque fois que nécessaire pour acquérir lesdites informations de programme à long terme concernant un service, lesdits moyens d'acquisition d'informations de programme à long terme étant opérationnels pour exécuter ledit processus d'acquisition d'informations de programme à long terme uniquement pour les services pour lesquels lesdites informations de programme à long terme sont présentes,
caractérisé en ce que les moyens de conservation d'informations de présence sont opérationnels pour acquérir les informations de présence multiplexées dans tous les flux de transport incluant au moins un service en acquérant les informations de présence à partir de n'importe lequel des flux de transport qui est actuellement reçu.
6. Récepteur selon la revendication 5, dans lequel lesdits moyens d'acquisition d'informations de programme à long terme sont opérationnels pour acquérir lesdites informations de programme à long terme sans changer ledit flux de transport à recevoir
- si ledit flux de transport étant actuellement reçu est un flux de transport spécifié, et pour acquérir lesdites informations de programme à long terme après avoir changé ledit flux de transport à recevoir en ledit flux de transport spécifié si ledit flux de transport actuellement reçu n'est pas un flux de transport spécifié.
7. Récepteur selon la revendication 5, dans lequel lesdits moyens de conservation d'informations de présence sont opérationnels pour acquérir et conserver lesdites informations de présence pour la totalité desdits services selon des intervalles de temps spécifiés pendant ladite opération de réception.
8. Récepteur selon la revendication 5, dans lequel lesdits moyens de conservation d'informations de présence sont opérationnels pour acquérir et conserver lesdites informations de présence pour la totalité desdits services lorsque ladite alimentation est hors tension.
9. Récepteur selon la revendication 5, comportant en outre :
- des moyens de mémoire d'informations de programme à long terme pour mémoriser lesdites informations de programme à long terme acquises à l'aide desdits moyens d'acquisition d'informations de programme à long terme,
des moyens de réception de recherche pour recevoir une instruction de recherche pour des informations de programme, et
des moyens d'exécution de recherche pour rechercher des informations de programme à long terme mémorisées dans lesdits moyens de mémoire d'informations de programme à long terme conformément à ladite instruction de recherche, et délivrer en sortie des résultats de recherche,
dans lequel lesdits moyens d'acquisition d'informations de programme à long terme sont opérationnels pour lancer leur processus en recevant ladite instruction de recherche et pour mémoriser lesdites informations de programme à long terme dans lesdits moyens de mémoire d'informations de programme à long terme, et
dans lequel lesdits moyens d'exécution de recherche sont opérationnels pour lancer leur processus une fois que lesdites informations de programme à long terme sont mémorisées dans lesdits moyens de mémoire d'informations de programme à long terme par l'intermédiaire desdits moyens d'acquisition d'informations de programme à long terme.
10. Récepteur selon la revendication 5, comportant :
- une partie de sélection de flux de transport pour

- sélectionner et recevoir un flux de transport conformément à une instruction provenant d'une partie de traitement,
 une partie de séparation pour séparer et acquérir des données voulues dudit flux de transport sélectionné à l'aide de ladite partie de sélection de flux de transport conformément à ladite instruction provenant de ladite partie de traitement,
 une partie de traitement pour commander l'opération de ladite partie de sélection de flux de transport et de ladite partie de séparation,
 une partie d'enregistrement de programme pour mémoriser le programme afin de déterminer le contenu de processus de ladite partie de traitement, et
 une partie d'enregistrement de données pour enregistrer des données,
 dans lequel ledit programme amène un ordinateur à exécuter les processus suivants consistant à :
 pendant qu'un flux de transport voulu est en cours de réception dans ladite partie de séparation, acquérir lesdites informations de présence concernant lesdites informations de programme à long terme pour chaque service multiplexé dans ledit flux de transport en question et enregistrer celles-ci dans ladite partie d'enregistrement de données,
 à la réception d'une instruction, acquérir lesdites informations de programme à long terme concernant un service, déterminer si lesdites informations de programme à long terme concernant le service sont oui ou non présentes à partir desdites informations de présence enregistrées dans ladite partie d'enregistrement de données, ne pas exécuter un processus d'acquisition pour ceux dans lesquels aucune information de programme à long terme n'est présente, et pour ceux dans lesquels lesdites informations de programme à long terme sont présentes, commander ladite partie de sélection de flux de transport afin de recevoir ledit flux de transport dans lequel lesdites informations de programme à long terme sont multiplexées, commander ladite partie de séparation pour séparer et acquérir lesdites informations de programme à long terme dudit flux de transport en question.
- 11.** Procédé de communication numérique pour envoyer une pluralité de flux de transport, chaque flux de transport transportant un nombre respectif de services, dans lequel, au niveau d'un émetteur (4), au moins un flux de transport (TS2) devient un flux de transport spécifié et des informations de programme à long terme (S_EIT11-S_EIT34) sont multiplexées dans ledit flux de transport spécifié, lesdites informations de programme à long terme définissant un programme de diffusion future pour certains des services mais pas la totalité de ceux-ci, et pour chaque service, des informations de présence indiquant si lesdites informations de programme à long terme qui sont oui ou non multiplexées dans ledit flux de transport spécifié sont également multiplexées dans des flux de transport autres que ledit flux de transport spécifié.
- 12.** Procédé de communication numérique selon la revendication 11, dans lequel lesdites informations de présence sont multiplexées dans la totalité desdits flux de transport incluant au moins un service.
- 13.** Procédé de communication numérique selon la revendication 12, dans lequel lesdites informations de présence sont multiplexées également dans la totalité desdits flux de transport qui n'incluent pas de services.
- 14.** Procédé de communication numérique selon la revendication 11, dans lequel lesdites informations de présence sont décrites dans un tableau de description de service.
- 15.** Procédé de communication numérique selon la revendication 14, dans lequel lesdites informations de présence sont décrites dans une zone de descripteur dudit tableau de description de service.
- 16.** Procédé de communication numérique selon la revendication 11, dans lequel lesdites informations de présence sont décrites dans un tableau d'informations de réseau.
- 17.** Procédé de communication numérique selon la revendication 16, dans lequel lesdites informations de présence sont décrites dans une boucle de description pour chaque flux de transport dans ledit tableau d'informations de réseau.
- 18.** Procédé de traitement de signaux reçus transmis conformément à un procédé selon la revendication 11, dans lequel :
- des informations de présence concernant chaque service multiplexées dans ledit flux de transport actuellement reçu sont acquises et mémorisées (S36), les informations de présence multiplexées dans la totalité des flux de transport sont acquises en acquérant les informations de présence à partir de n'importe lequel des flux de transport qui est actuellement reçu, et la présence ou non desdites informations de programme à long terme concernant le service en question est déterminée à partir desdites informations de présence mémorisées à chaque fois qu'il est nécessaire de savoir si lesdites informations de programme à long terme sont oui

ou non présentes pour le service.

- 19.** Procédé de diffusion numérique selon la revendication 18, dans lequel lesdites informations de présence sont en outre multiplexées dans tous lesdits flux de transport qui n'incluent pas de services. 5
- 20.** Support transportant des instructions pouvant être implémentées par processeur pour commander un processeur d'un émetteur afin de mettre en oeuvre le procédé de l'une quelconque des revendications 11 à 17. 10
- 21.** Support transportant des instructions pouvant être implémentées par processeur pour commander un processeur d'un récepteur afin d'exécuter toutes les étapes d'un procédé selon l'une quelconque des revendications 18 et 19. 15
- 22.** Diffusion de signal utilisant le procédé de l'une quelconque des revendications 11 à 17. 20

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FIG.1

BLOCK DIAGRAM OF TRANSMITTER

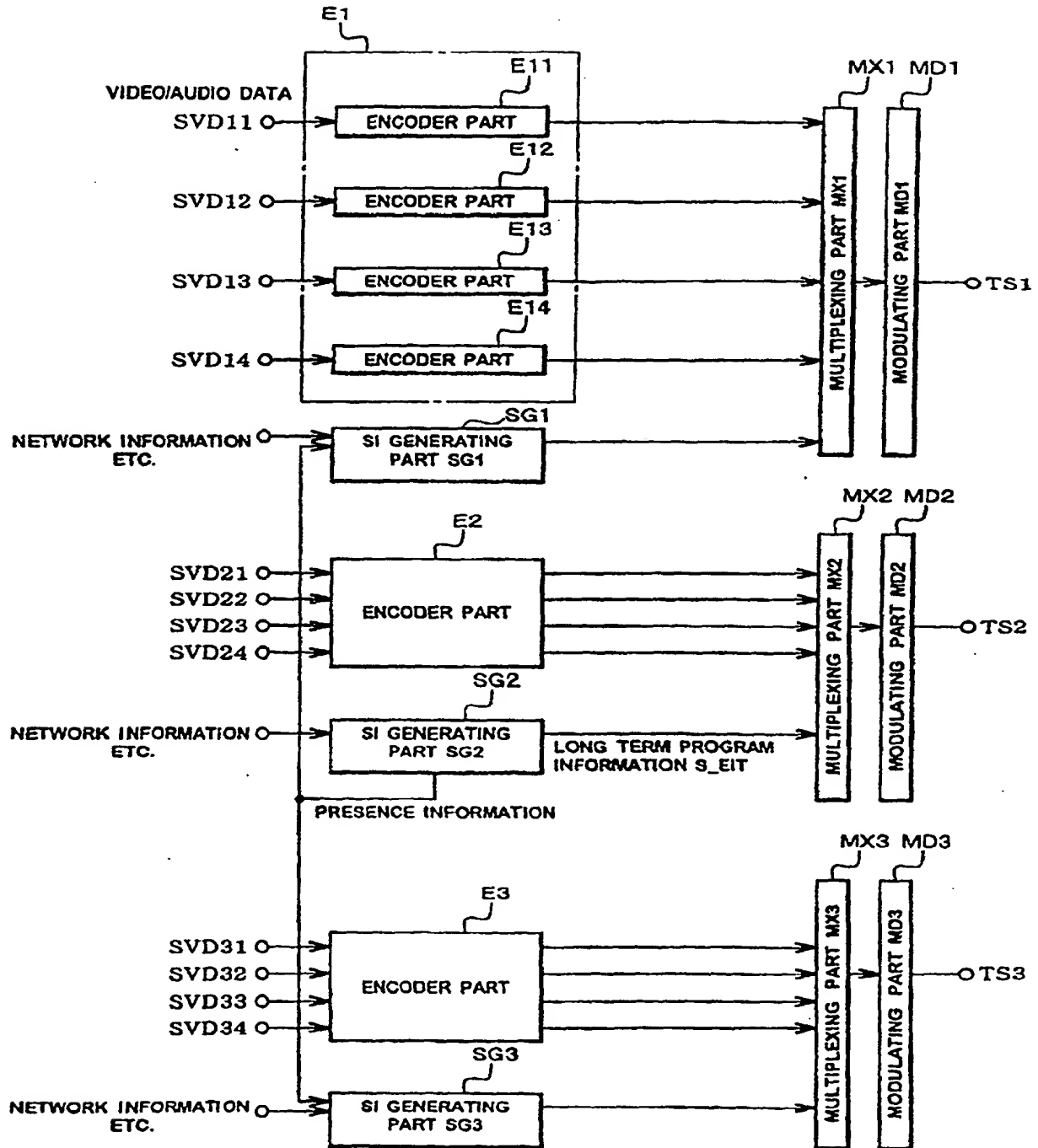


FIG.2

BLOCK DIAGRAM OF RECEIVER

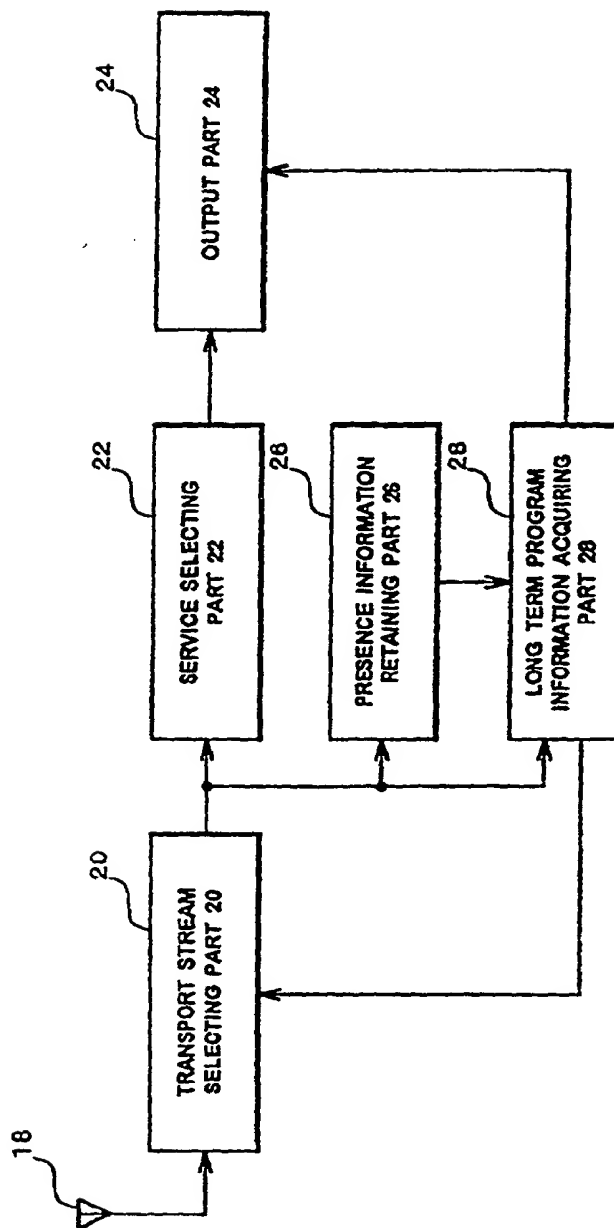
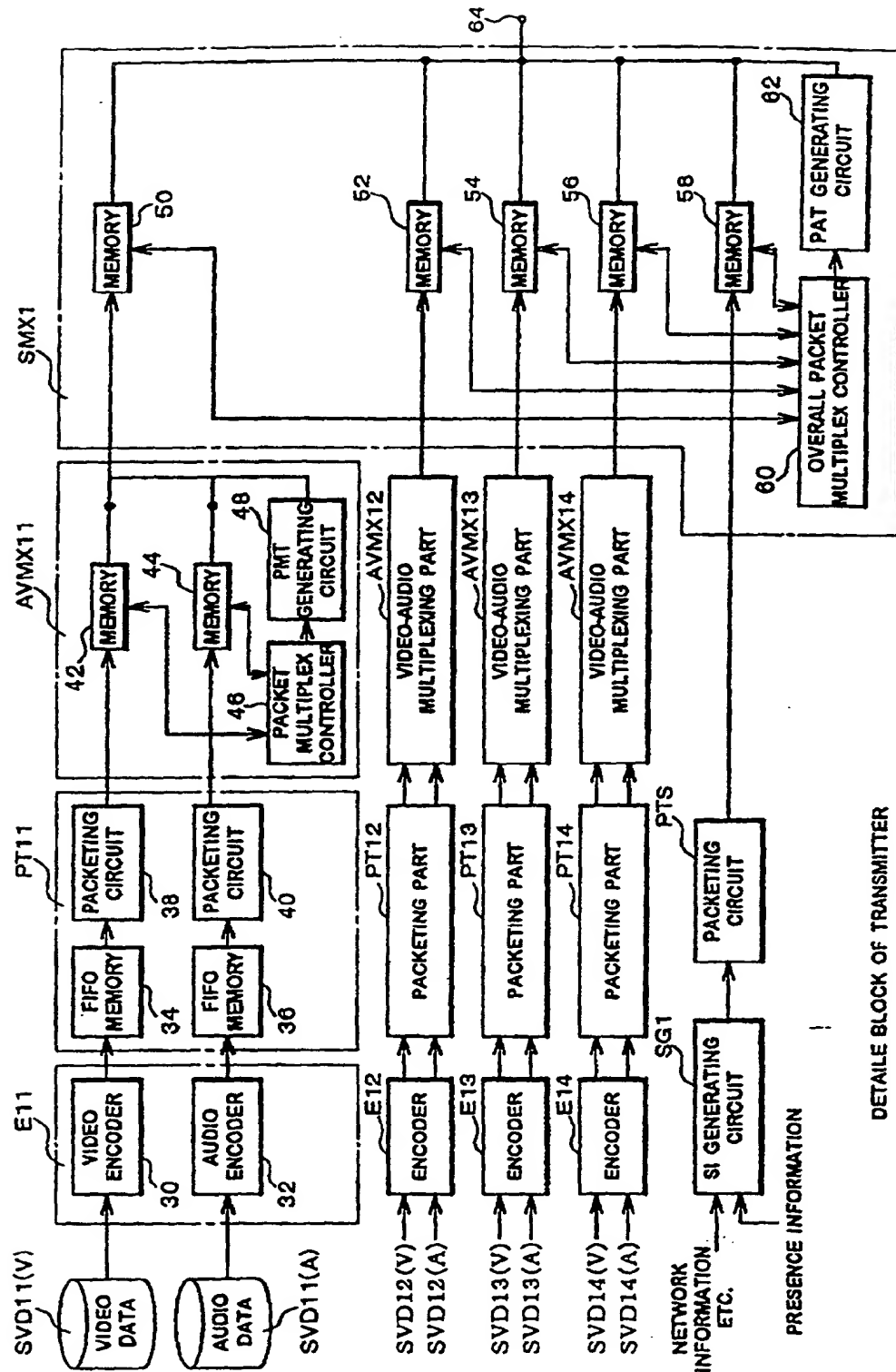


FIG.3



DETAIL BLOCK OF TRANSMITTER

FIG.4

TS1	NIT	SDT1	P_EIT11		ES(A)11
	PAT1	SDT2	P_EIT12		ES(A)12
	PMT11	SDT3	P_EIT13		ES(A)13
	PMT12		P_EIT14		ES(A)14
	PMT13		F_EIT11		ES(V)11
	PMT14		F_EIT12		ES(V)12
			F_EIT13		ES(V)13
			F_EIT14		ES(V)14
TS2	NIT	SDT1	P_EIT21	S_EIT11	ES(A)21
	PAT2	SDT2	P_EIT22	S_EIT12	ES(A)22
	PMT21	SDT3	P_EIT23	S_EIT14	ES(A)23
	PMT22		P_EIT24	S_EIT21	ES(A)24
	PMT23		F_EIT21	S_EIT23	ES(V)21
	PMT24		F_EIT22	S_EIT24	ES(V)22
			F_EIT23	S_EIT31	ES(V)23
			F_EIT24	S_EIT34	ES(V)24
TS3	NIT	SDT1	P_EIT31		ES(A)31
	PAT3	SDT2	P_EIT32		ES(A)32
	PMT31	SDT3	P_EIT33		ES(A)33
	PMT32		P_EIT34		ES(A)34
	PMT33		F_EIT31		ES(V)31
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			F_EIT34		ES(V)34

FIG.5

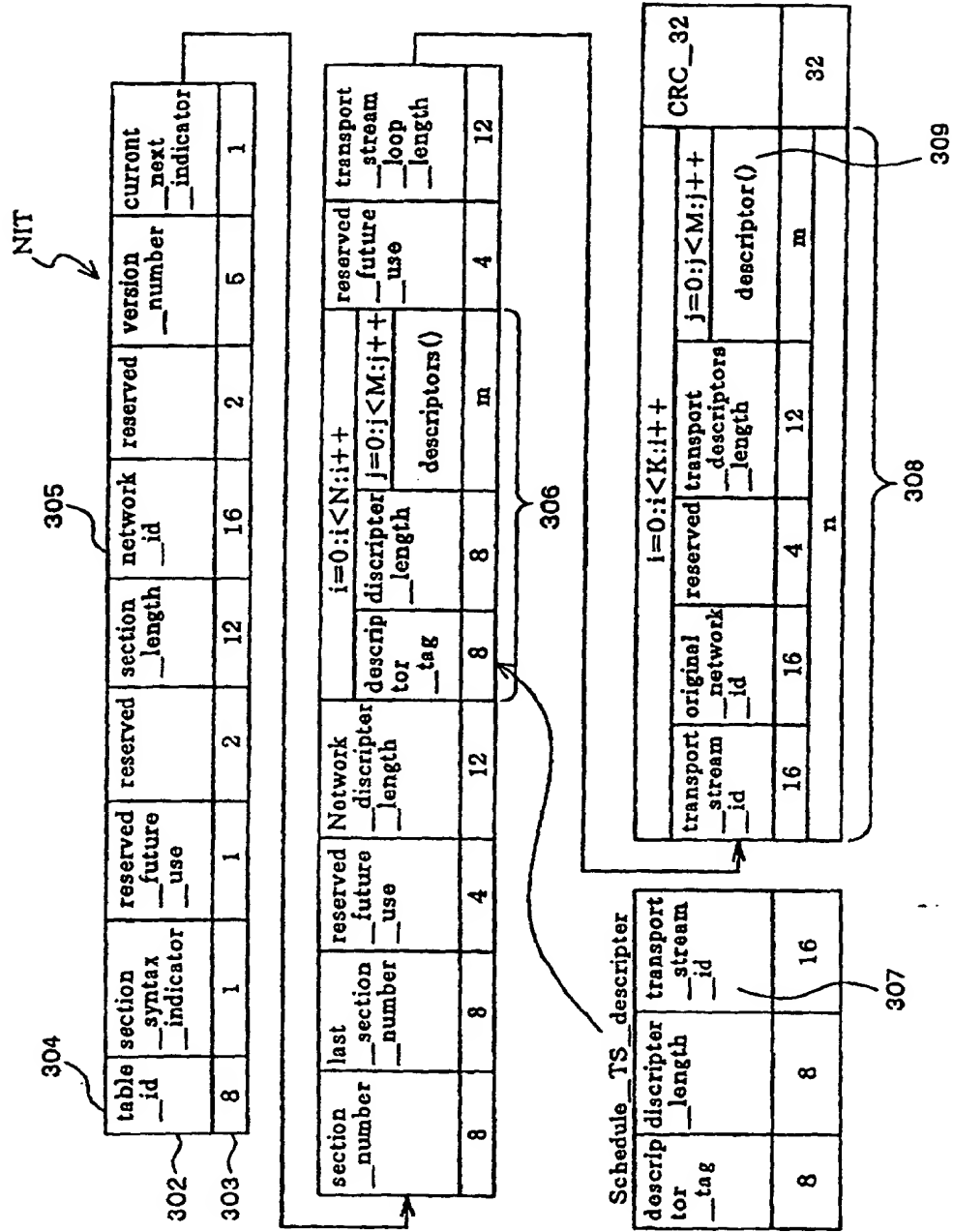


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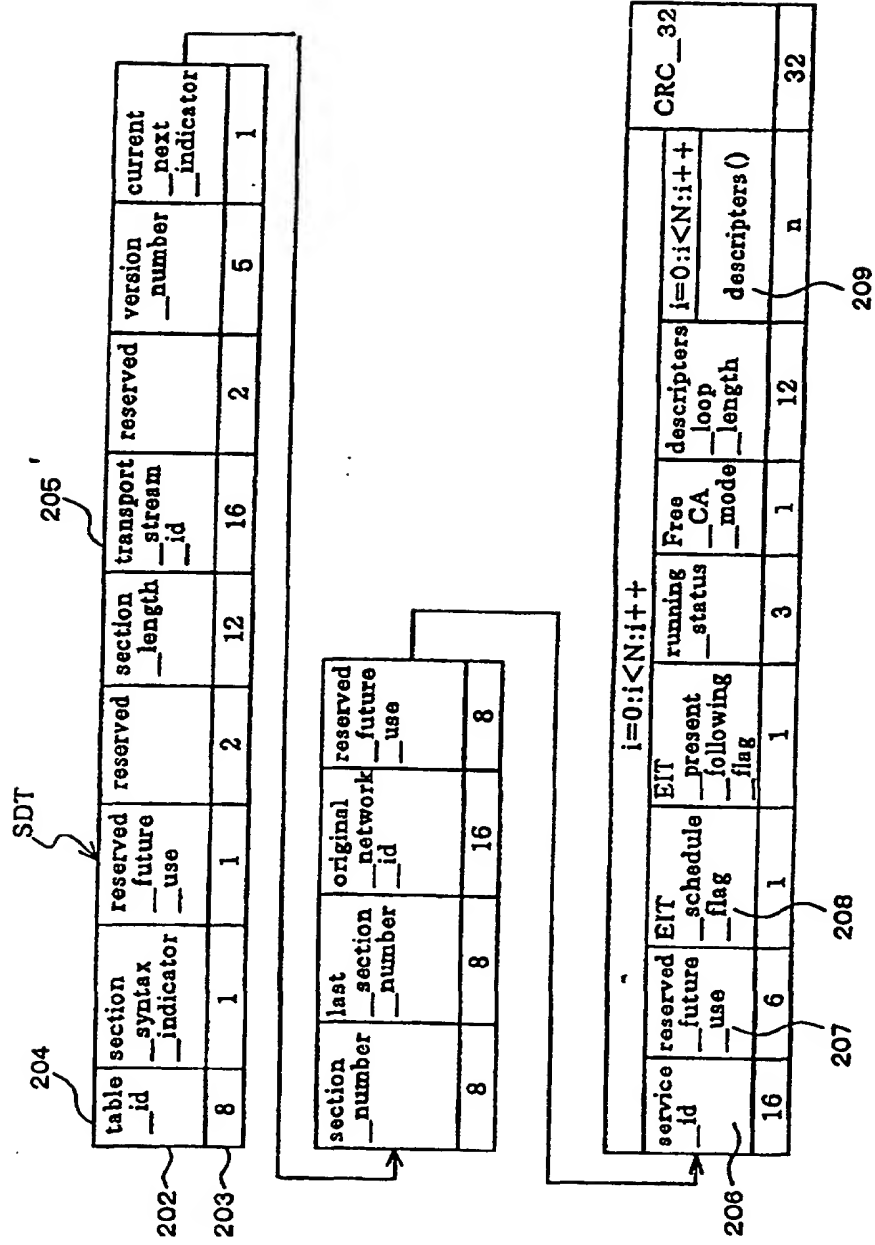


FIG.7

SDT GENERATING PROCESS

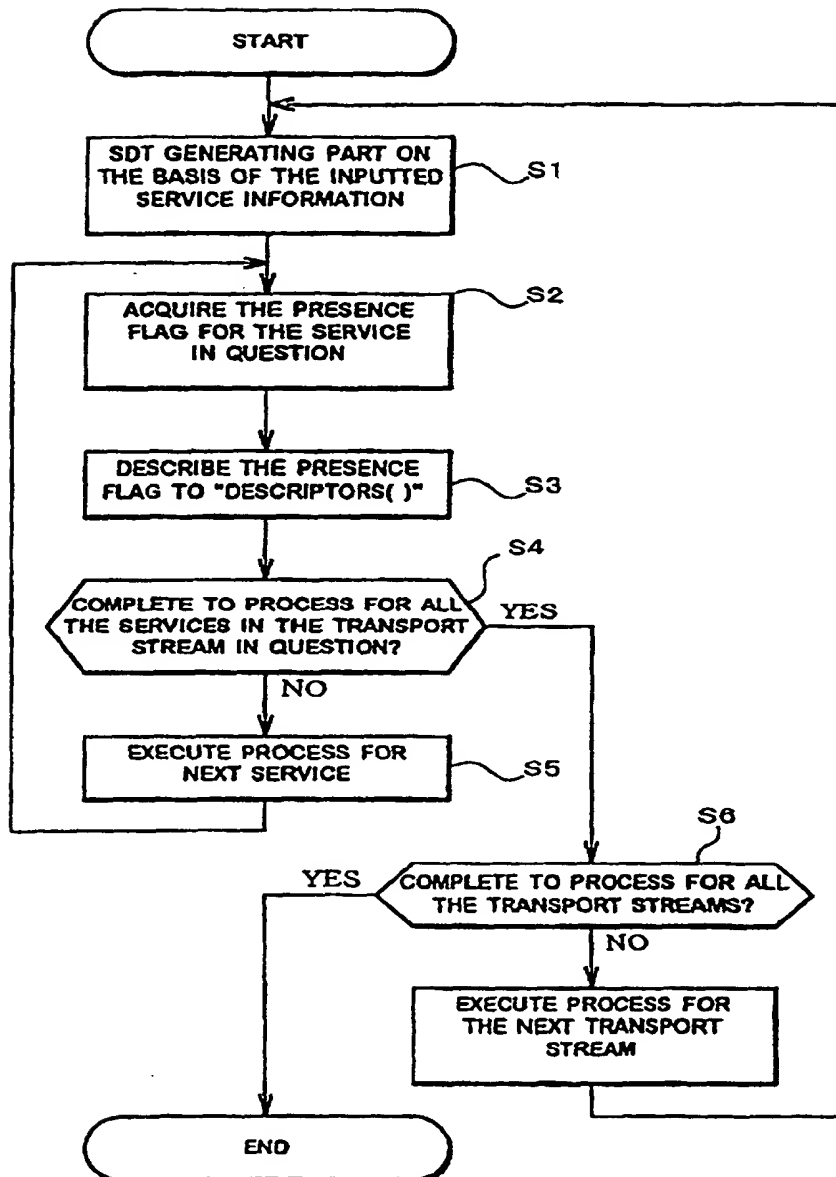


FIG.8

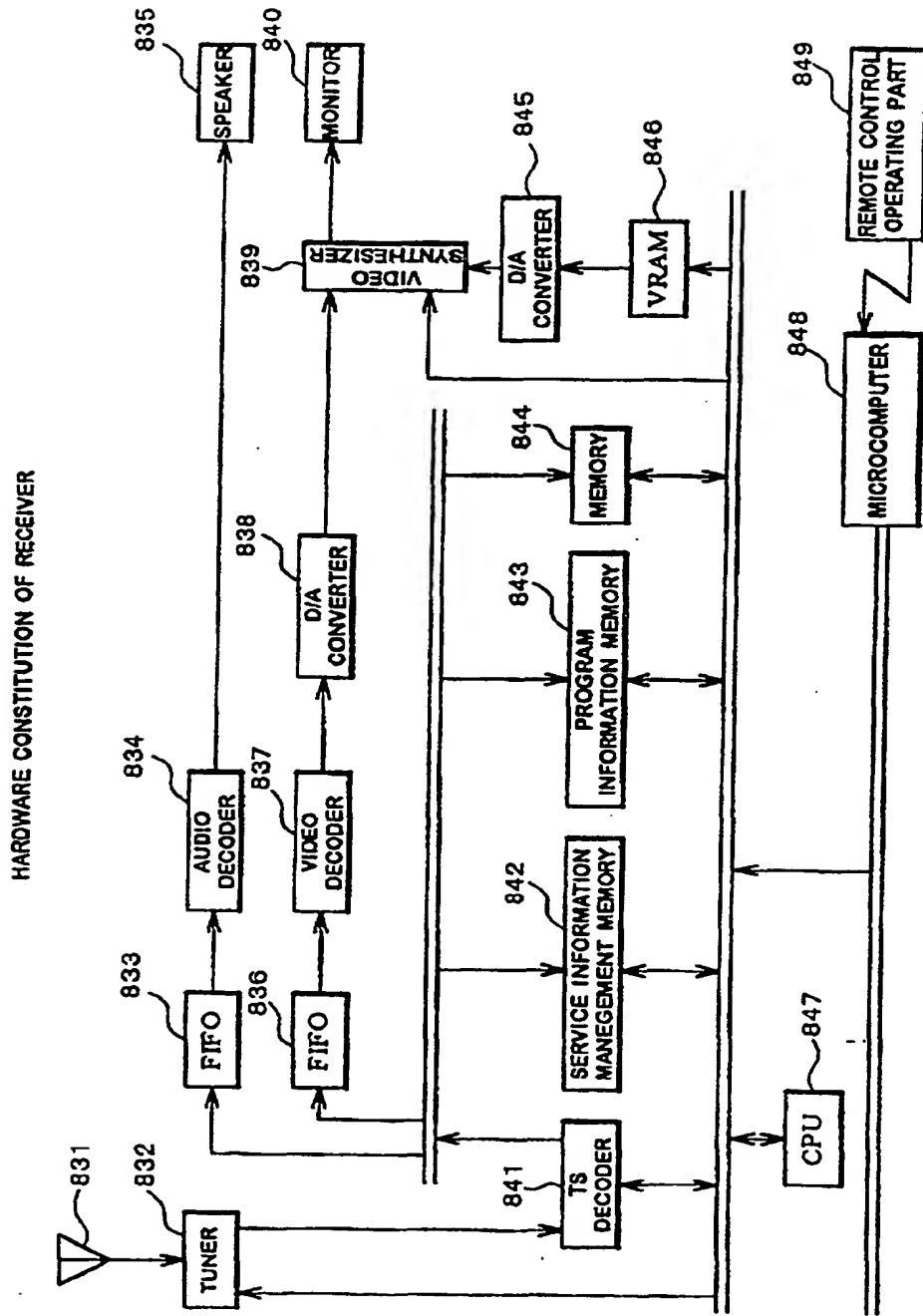


FIG.9

BUFFER OF MEMORY 844

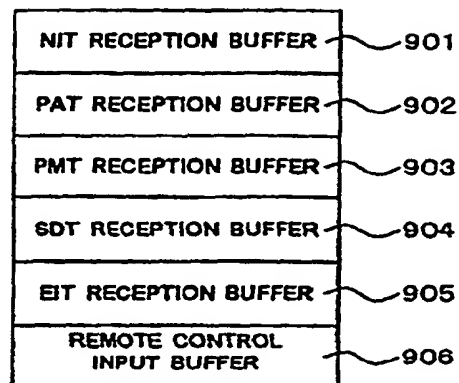


FIG.10

FLOW CHART OF FUNDAMENTAL PROCESS FOR RECEIVING

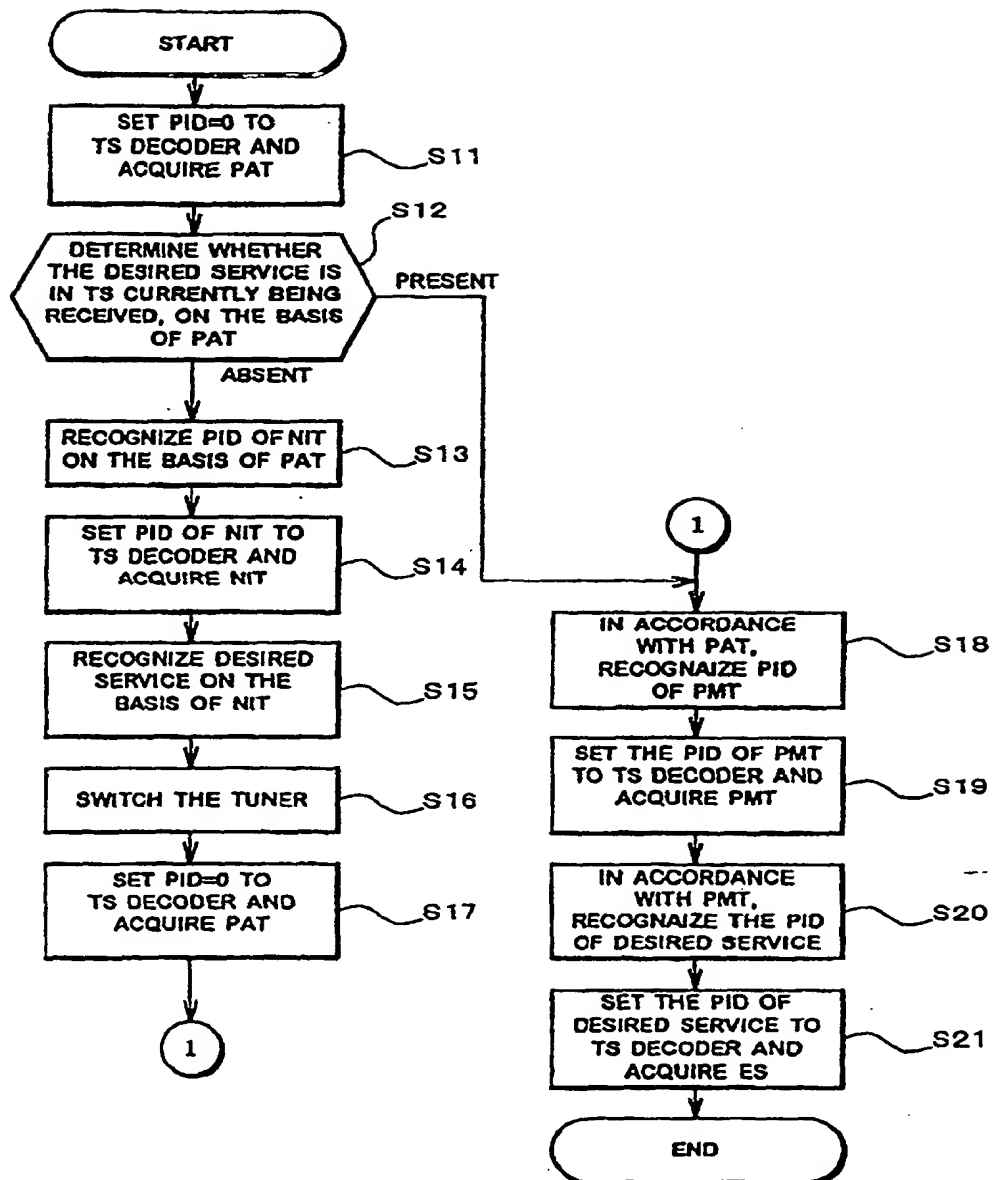


FIG.11

PROCESS FOR PRESENCE INFORMATION RECORD

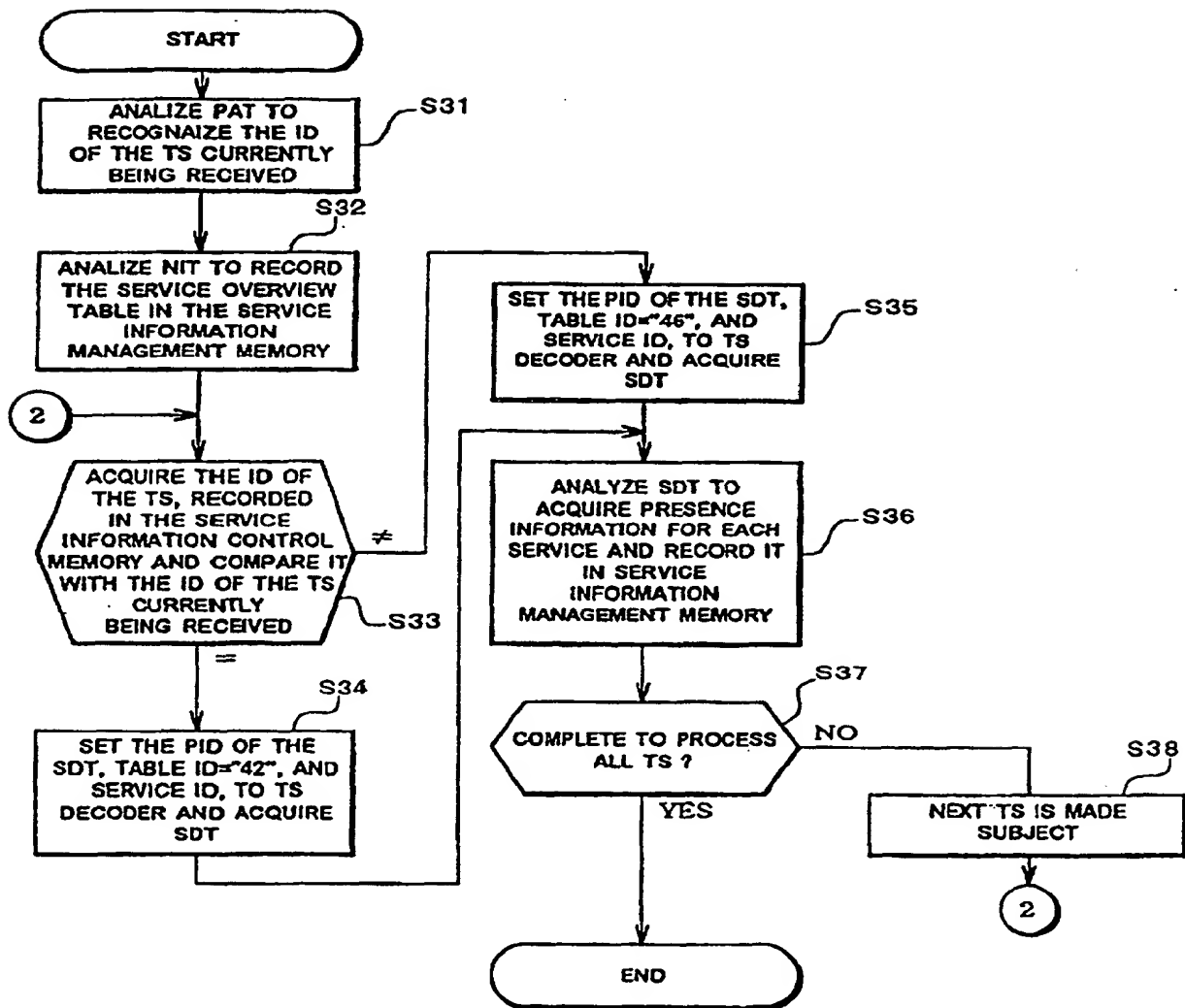


FIG.12**SERVICE INFORMATION CONTROL TABLE**

SERVICE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	PRESENCE INFORMATION
(SV11)0x0011	(TS1)0x0001	
(SV12)0x0012	(TS1)0x0001	
(SV13)0x0013	(TS1)0x0001	
(SV14)0x0014	(TS1)0x0001	
(SV21)0x0021	(TS2)0x0002	
(SV22)0x0022	(TS2)0x0002	
(SV23)0x0023	(TS2)0x0002	
(SV24)0x0024	(TS2)0x0002	
(SV31)0x0031	(TS3)0x0003	
(SV32)0x0032	(TS3)0x0003	
(SV33)0x0033	(TS3)0x0003	
(SV34)0x0034	(TS3)0x0003	

FIG.13**SERVICE INFORMATION CONTROL TABLE**

SERVICE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	PRESENCE INFORMATION
(SV11)0×0011	(TS1)0×0001	PRESENT
(SV12)0×0012	(TS1)0×0001	PRESENT
(SV13)0×0013	(TS1)0×0001	ABSENT
(SV14)0×0014	(TS1)0×0001	PRESENT
(SV21)0×0021	(TS2)0×0002	PRESENT
(SV22)0×0022	(TS2)0×0002	ABSENT
(SV23)0×0023	(TS2)0×0002	PRESENT
(SV24)0×0024	(TS2)0×0002	PRESENT
(SV31)0×0031	(TS3)0×0003	PRESENT
(SV32)0×0032	(TS3)0×0003	ABSENT
(SV33)0×0033	(TS3)0×0003	ABSENT
(SV34)0×0034	(TS3)0×0003	PRESENT

FIG.14

SDT MULTIPLEXED IN THE TRANSPORT STREAM TS1

SDT1

TABLE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	SERVICE ID	EIT SCHEDULE FLAG	DESCRIPTOR()
0x42	0x0001	0x0011	0	1
		0x0012	0	1
		0x0013	0	0
		0x0014	0	1

SDT2

TABLE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	SERVICE ID	EIT SCHEDULE FLAG	DESCRIPTOR()
0x46	0x0002	0x0021	0	1
		0x0022	0	0
		0x0023	0	1
		0x0024	0	1

SDT3

TABLE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	SERVICE ID	EIT SCHEDULE FLAG	DESCRIPTOR()
0x46	0x0003	0x0031	0	1
		0x0032	0	0
		0x0033	0	0
		0x0034	0	1

FIG.15

SDT MULTIPLEXED IN THE TRANSPORT STREAM TS2

SDT1

TABLE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	SERVICE ID	EIT SCHEDULE FLAG	DESCRIPTOR()
0X46	0X0001	0X0011	1	1
		0X0012	1	1
		0X0013	0	0
		0X0014	1	1

SDT2

TABLE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	SERVICE ID	EIT SCHEDULE FLAG	DESCRIPTOR()
0X42	0X0002	0X0021	1	1
		0X0022	0	0
		0X0023	1	1
		0X0024	1	1

SDT3

TABLE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	SERVICE ID	EIT SCHEDULE FLAG	DESCRIPTOR()
0X46	0X0003	0X0031	1	1
		0X0032	0	0
		0X0033	0	0
		0X0034	1	1

FIG.16

SDT MULTIPLEXED IN THE TRANSPORT STREAM TS3

SDT1

TABLE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	SERVICE ID	EIT SCHEDULE FLAG	DESCRIPTOR()
0x46	0x0001	0x0011	0	1
		0x0012	0	1
		0x0013	0	0
		0x0014	0	1

SDT2

TABLE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	SERVICE ID	EIT SCHEDULE FLAG	DESCRIPTOR()
0x46	0x0002	0x0021	0	1
		0x0022	0	0
		0x0023	0	1
		0x0024	0	1

SDT3

TABLE ID	TRANSPORT STREAM ID	SERVICE ID	EIT SCHEDULE FLAG	DESCRIPTOR()
0x42	0x0003	0x0031	0	1
		0x0032	0	0
		0x0033	0	0
		0x0034	0	1

FIG.17

GENRE SEARCH PROCESS

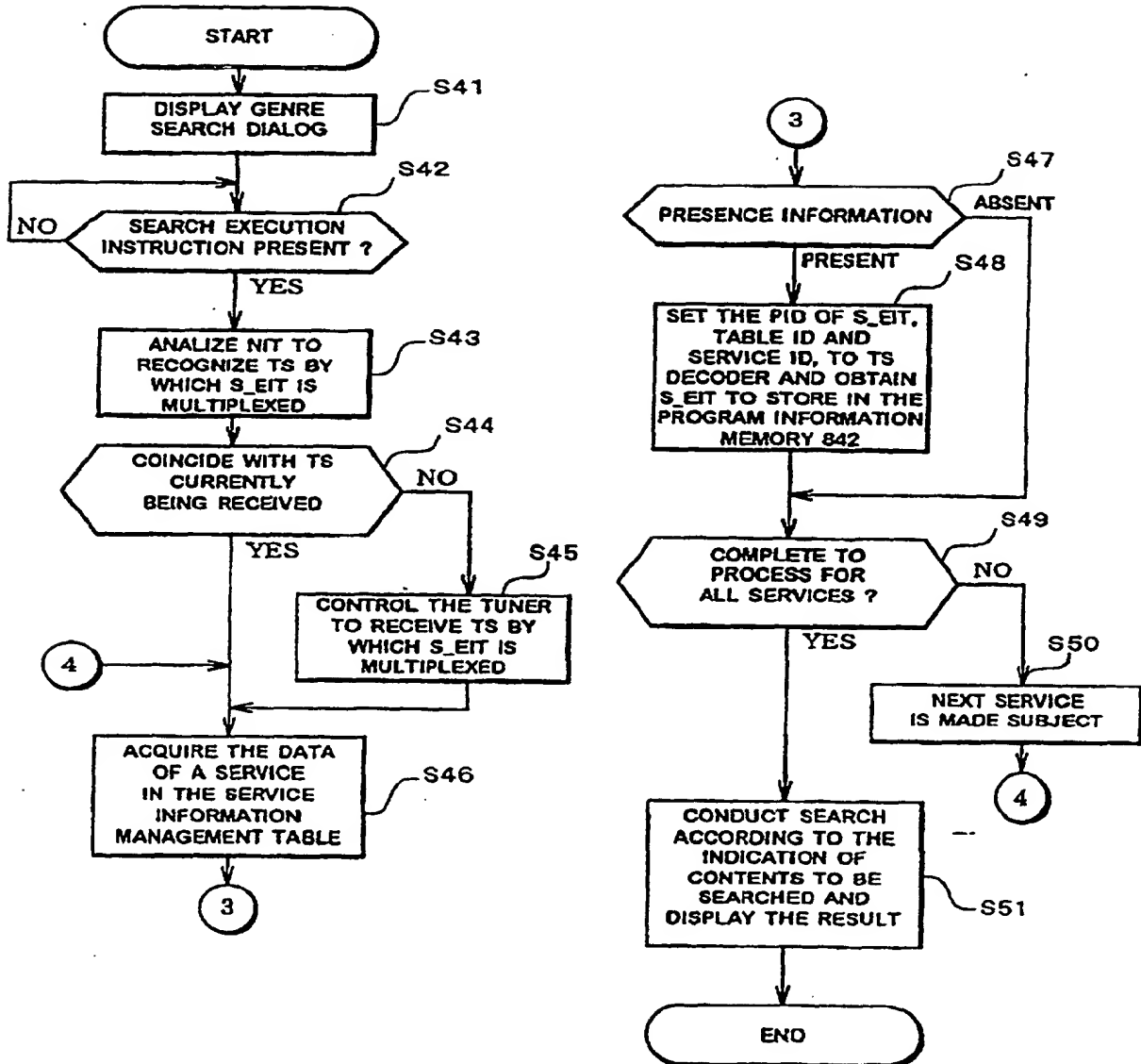









FIG.18

GENRE SEARCH MENU

GENRE SEARCH

SUB-MENU / GUIDE

DIRECT SEARCH			
FOREIGN FILM H	DOMESTIC FILM H	ANIMATION 	ENTERTAINMENT 
FOREIGN MUSIC A	DOMESTIC MUSIC A	SPORTS 	HOBBY • NEWS 
EDUCATION 	MUNICIPALLY OPERATED GAMBLING 	ADULTS 	
PERSONAL GENRE SEARCH			
GENRE A	GENRE B	GENRE C	GENRE D

! ▲▼ ◀▶ BUTTON FOR SELECT GENRE


 (ENTER) BUTTON FOR STARTING GENRE SEARCH

FIG. 19

SEARCH RESULT

GENRE SEARCH RESULT

A

STAR WARS

DEC 11 (THU)

17:00~17:30

262

SUB-MENU / GUIDE

#	TITLE	DATE	TIME	ACTION
262	STAR WARS	12/11	17:00~17:30	
262	TITANIC	12/11	17:30~18:00	
262	ALIEN	12/11	18:00~19:30	
263	STAR TREK	12/11	13:00~15:30	
330	GODZILLA	12/11	14:00~17:30	
330	007	12/11	19:00~20:00	
330	SHOGUN	12/11	20:00~21:00	

DEC 11 (THU) SEARCHING 614

65 TITLES SEARCHED

FIG.20

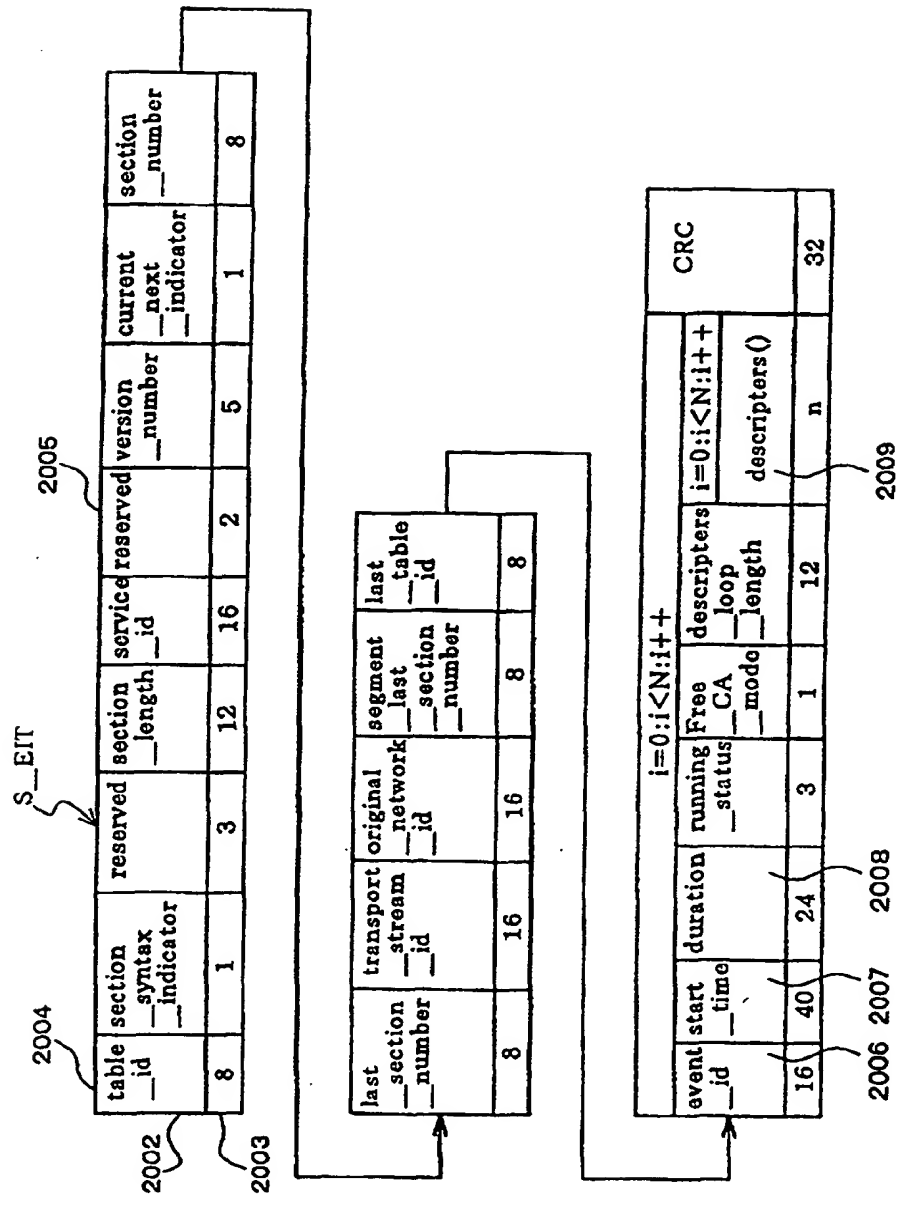


FIG.21

PROGRAM INFORMATION TABLE

SERVICE ID	EVENT ID	BROADCASTING DATE	BROADCASTING TIME	PROGRAM TITLE	GENRE
0X0011	0X0001	3	9:00~10:00	PROGRAM A	ANIMATION
0X0011	0X0002	3	10:00~12:00	PROGRAM B	FOREIGN FILM
;	;	;	;	;	;
0X0011	0X0125	10	20:00~24:00	PROGRAM F	SPORTS
0X0012	0X0001	3	9:00~11:00	PROGRAM Z	FOREIGN MUSIC
;	;	;	;	;	;

FIG.22

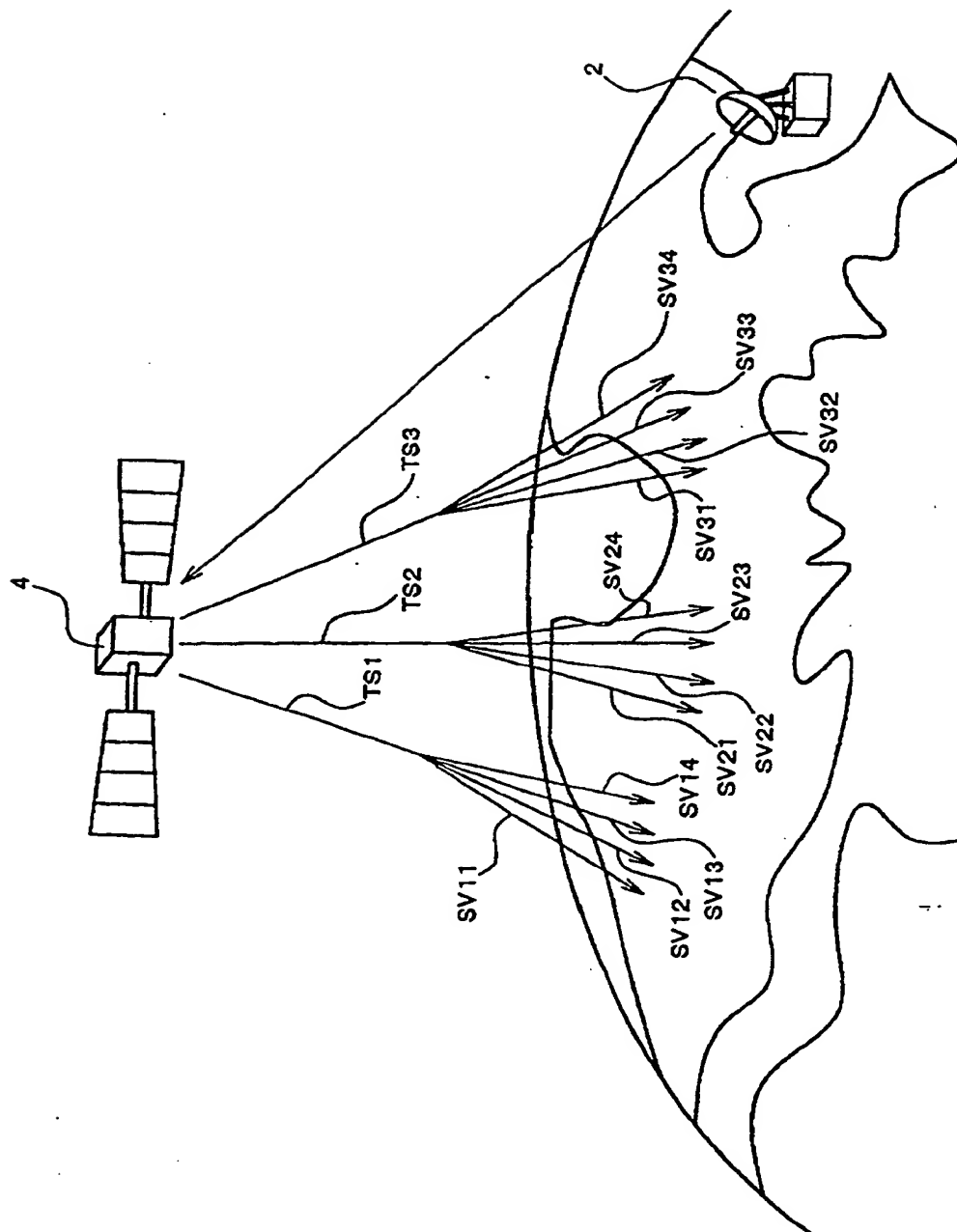


FIG.23

TS1	NIT	SDT1	P_EIT11		ES(A)11
	PAT1	SDT2	P_EIT12		ES(A)12
	PMT11	SDT3	P_EIT13		ES(A)13
	PMT12		P_EIT14		ES(A)14
	PMT13		F_EIT11		ES(V)11
	PMT14		F_EIT12		ES(V)12
			F_EIT13		ES(V)13
			F_EIT14		ES(V)14
TS2	NIT	SDT1	P_EIT21	S_EIT11	ES(A)21
	PAT2	SDT2	P_EIT22	S_EIT12	ES(A)22
	PMT21	SDT3	P_EIT23	S_EIT14	ES(A)23
	PMT22		P_EIT24	S_EIT21	ES(A)24
	PMT23		F_EIT21	S_EIT23	ES(V)21
	PMT24		F_EIT22	S_EIT24	ES(V)22
			F_EIT23	S_EIT31	ES(V)23
			F_EIT24	S_EIT34	ES(V)24
TS3	NIT	SDT1	P_EIT31		ES(A)31
	PAT3	SDT2	P_EIT32		ES(A)32
	PMT31	SDT3	P_EIT33		ES(A)33
	PMT32		P_EIT34		ES(A)34
	PMT33		F_EIT31		ES(V)31
	PMT34		F_EIT32		ES(V)32
			F_EIT33		ES(V)33
			F_EIT34		ES(V)34

FIG.24

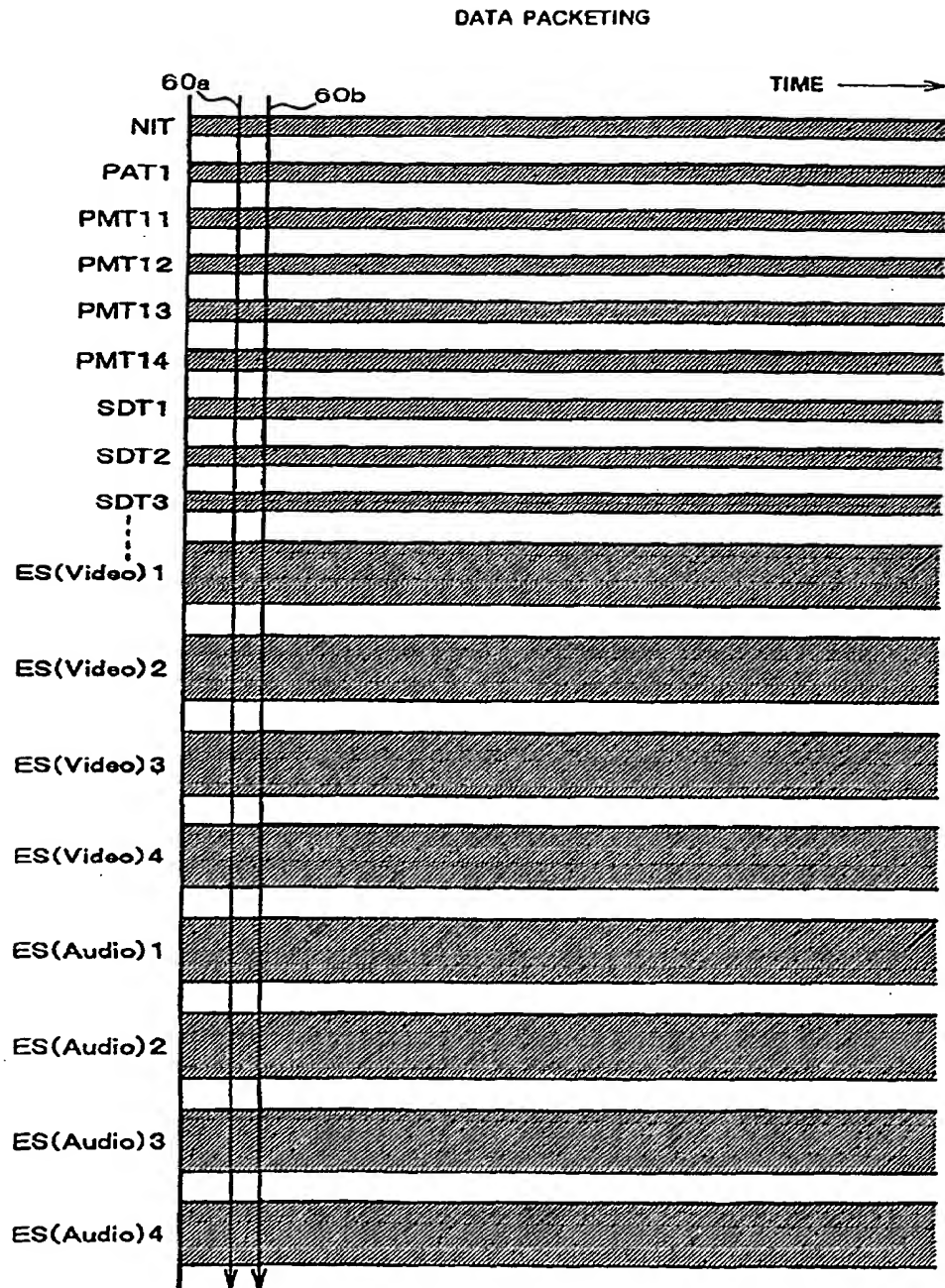


FIG.25

